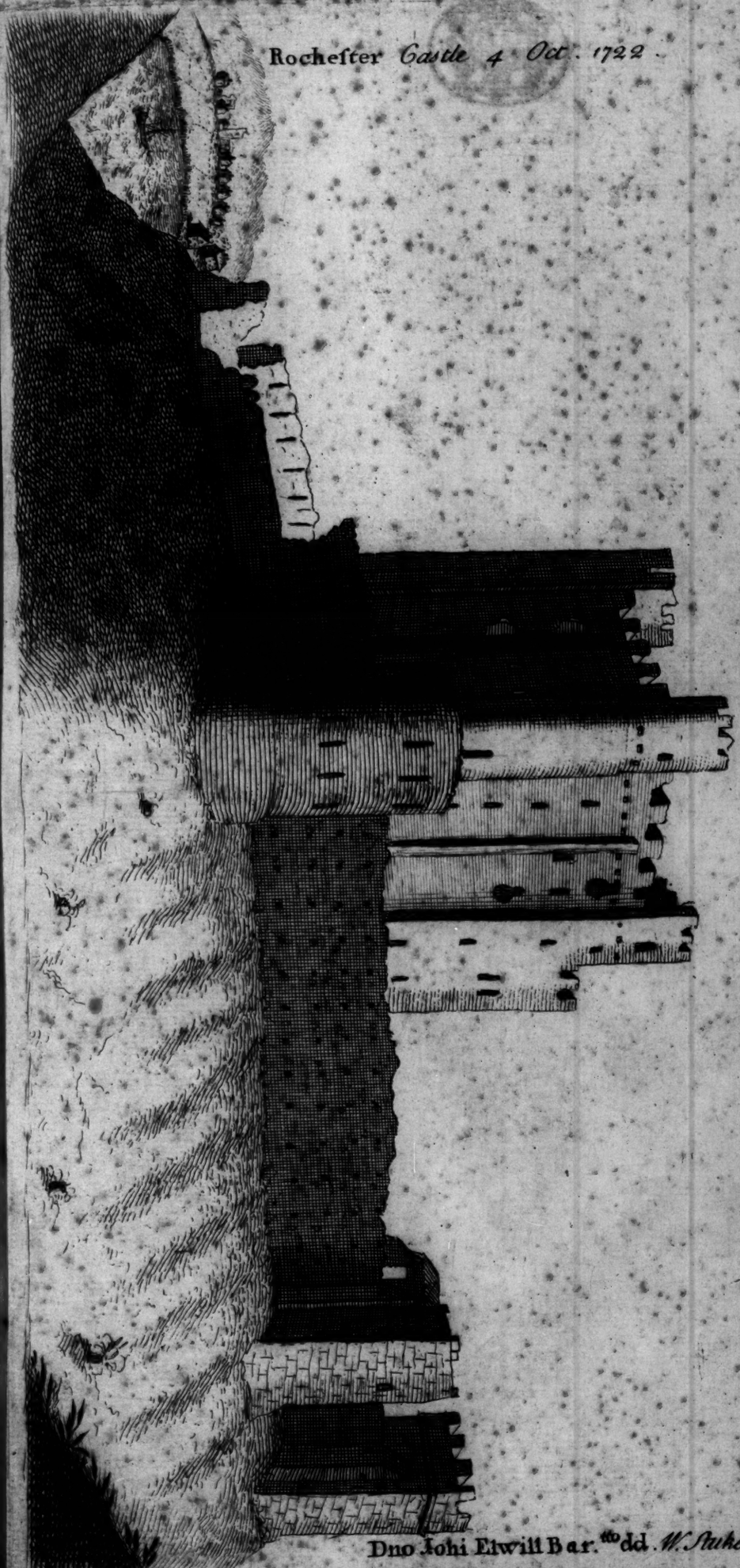

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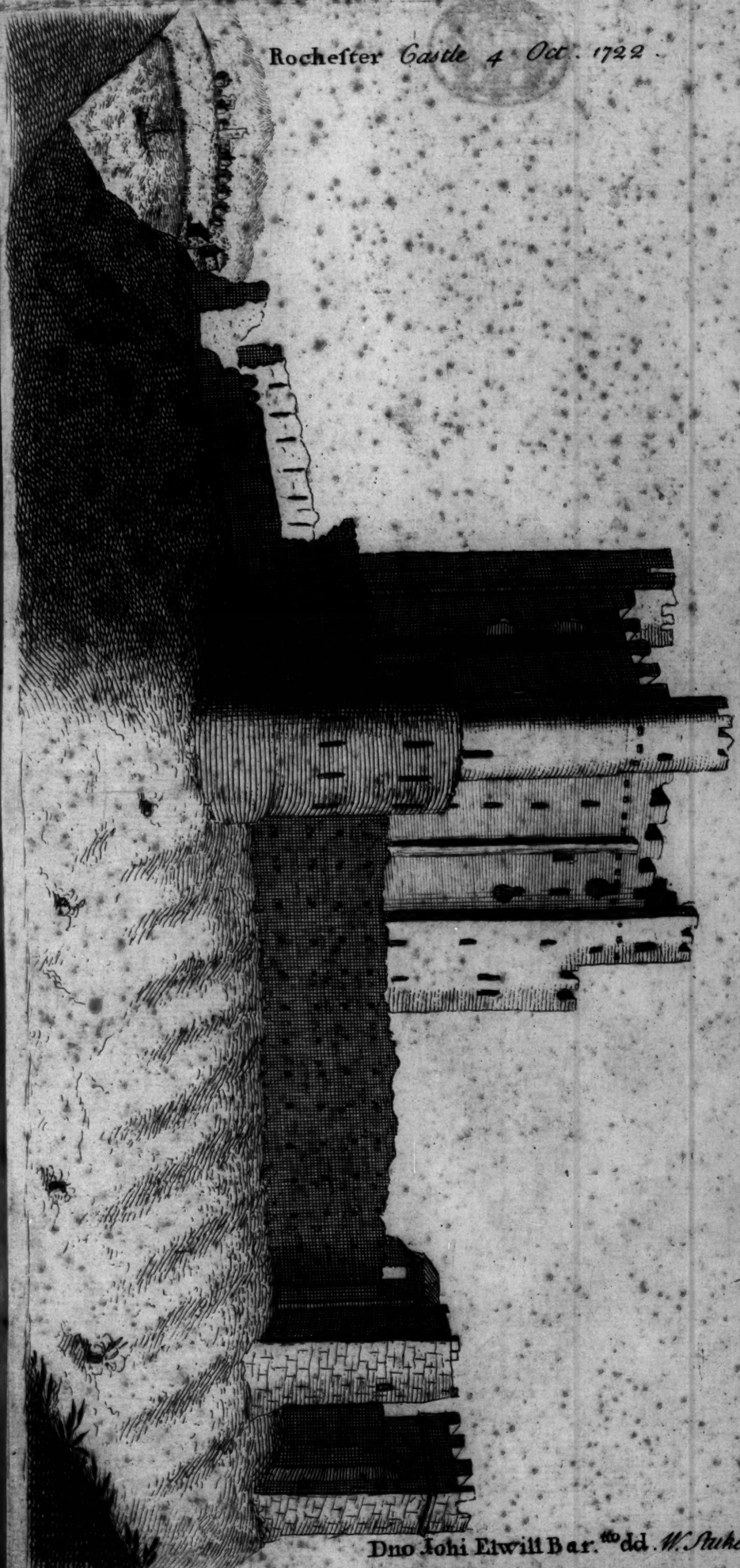

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CHARLES *by the Grace of God of* England, Scotland, France, *and* Ireland, *King, Defender of the Faith*, &c. *To all to whom these present Letters shall come, Greeting.* Charles I. 1630.

WE have looked into the Letters Patents of our most dear late Father Lord *James*, late King of *England*, of blessed Memory, of Confirmation, bearing Date at *Westminster* the Eleventh Day of *September*, in the Year of his Reign of *England*, *France*, and *Ireland*, the Fifth, and of *Scotland* the Forty-first, made in these Words: *James* by the Grace of God of *England*, *Scotland*, *France*, and *Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith, *&c.* To all to whom these present Letters shall come, Greeting; We have looked into the Letters Patents of famous Memory the Lady *Elizabeth*, late Queen of *England*, our most dear Sister, of Confirmation, made in these Words: *Elizabeth* by the Grace of God of *England*, *France*, and *Ireland*, Queen, Defender of the Faith, *&c.* To all to whom these present Letters shall come, Greeting; We have looked into the Letters Patents of Lord *E.* late King of *England*, the Sixth, our most dear Brother, of Confirmation, made in these Words: *Edward* the Sixth by the Grace of God King of *England*, *France*, and *Ireland*, Defender of the Faith, and in the Land of the Church of *England* and *Ireland* supream Head, To all to whom these present Letters shall come, Greeting; We have looked into the Letters Patents of Lord *H.* late King of *England*, the Eighth, our most dear Father, of Confirmation, made in these Words: *Henry* by the Grace of God King of *England* and *France*, and Lord of *Ireland*, To all to whom these present Letters shall come, Greeting; We have looked into a Charter of Confirmation of Lord *Edward* the Fourth, late King of *England*, made in these Words: *Edward* by the Grace of God King of *England* and *France*, and Lord of *Ireland*, To Archbishops, Bishops, Abbots, Priors, Dukes, Earls, Barons, Justices, Sheriffs, Provosts, Ministers, and all Bailiffs, and his Well-beloved, Greeting; We have looked into the Letters Patents of Lord *Richard* late King of *England*, made in these Words: *Richard* by the Grace of God King of *England* and *France*, and Lord of *Ireland*, To all to whom these present Letters shall come, Greeting; We have looked

James I. 1603.

Elizabeth 1558.

Edward VI. 1547

Henry VIII. 1510

Edward IV. 1460

Richard II. 1378.

looked into a Charter of Confirmation of Lord *Edward*, late King of *England*, our Grandfather, in theſe Words: *Edward* by the Grace of God King of *England*, Lord of *Ireland*, and Duke of *Aquitain*, To Archbiſhops, Biſhops, Abbots, Priors, Earls, Barons, Juſtices, Sheriffs, Provoſts, Miniſters, and all Bailiffs, and his Faithful, Greeting; We have looked into a Charter, which of famous Memory Lord *Henry*, late King of *England*, our Great-grandfather, made to the Citizens of *Rocheſter* in theſe Words: *Henry* by the Grace of God King of *England*, Lord of *Ireland*, and Duke of *Aquitain*, To Archbiſhops, Biſhops, Abbots, Priors, Earls, Barons, Juſtices, Sheriffs, Provoſts, Miniſters, and all Bailiffs, and his Well-beloved, Greeting; Whereas, in Times paſt, we have granted to our Citizens of *Rocheſter*, and their Heirs, our City of *Rocheſter*, at a Fee-farm, for twenty Pounds Sterling, to be paid by the Year at our Exchequer; that is to ſay, half at *Eaſter*, and the other half at the Feaſt of Saint *Michael*; To be held of us and our Heirs, to them and their Heirs for ever, with all the Appurtenances, Liberties, and Free Cuſtoms to the aforeſaid City belonging: And that they may have Guild Merchant, with the Hance and other Liberties and Cuſtoms to that Guild belonging; So that no Sheriff of *Kent* do in any wiſe intermeddle himſelf upon them in any Plea, or Plaint, or Occaſion; Saving to us and our Heirs for ever, the Pleas of our Crown which ought to be attached by the ſame our Citizens, until the coming of our Juſtices; And that none of them do plead without the Walls of the City of *Rocheſter*, of any Plea, beſide the Plea of foreign Tenure, except our Moniters and Miniſters; And that they may have Acquittal of Murder within the City aforeſaid and Portſocue; And that none of them do make a Duel; And that of the Pleas belonging to the Crown, they may diſcharge themſelves according to the ancient Cuſtom of the City aforeſaid; And that none within the Walls of the City aforeſaid may take an Inn by Force, but by the Liberty of the Marſhal; And that they be diſcharged of Toll and Laſtage throughout all *England*, and throughout all the Sea Ports. And that none be judged of Amerciament of Money, but as it was judged in the Time of King *Henry* our Grandfather; And that in the ſame City in no Plea there be Meſkennyng; And that a Portmot be held once only in fifteen Days; And that they may have their Lands or Tenures, and all due juſt Pledges, whoſoever oweth them unto them; And that of their Lands and Tenures, which are within the City aforeſaid, he do them Right according to the Cuſtom of the aforeſaid City; And that of all their Debts which have been accommodated at *Rocheſter*, and of all their Pledges there done, they may hold Pleas at *Rocheſter*; And that if any Man in all *England* ſhall take Toll or Cuſtom at *Rocheſter* of any Sort, after he ſhall have offended therein, the Provoſts of the City of *Rocheſter* may take Diſtreſs of their Cattle there at *Rocheſter*; And alſo, that the ſame Citizens be acquitted of Brithel and Childwyte, and of Terſine and of Scotal; So that the Bailiffs of the ſame City, or any other Bailiff of them do not make Scotal; We the aforeſaid Grants and Liberties having rated and allowed, and for the faithful Service which the ſame Citizens have done for us, and for the Damages and Loſſes which they have ſuſtained in our Obedience in the Time of Trouble had in our Kingdom, Have remitted to the ſame Citizens, and to their Heirs, for us and our Heirs, eight Pounds yearly of the Farm aforeſaid; So that they pay unto us yearly, at the Exchequer, for the aforeſaid Farm, twelve Pounds, that is to ſay, one half at our Exchequer at *Eaſter*, and the other half at our Exchequer on St. *Michael*, for ever. We do alſo grant, and by this our Charter have confirmed, for us and our Heirs, to the ſame Citizens and their Heirs, that for ever they be acquitted of Stallage and Murage throughout our whole Kingdom; And alſo that the ſame Citizens, and their Heirs, may have a Formarket within the City aforeſaid; And that they and their Heirs may have for ever the Return of all our Writs, as well for the Summons of the Exchequer, as of others touching the Liberty of the City aforeſaid; And that they may anſwer at our Exchequer of all Debts, Summons and Demands,

Edward III.

Henry III. 1265.

Fee-farm for 20l. annually, at Eaſter and Michaelmas, to be paid half-yearly.

Guild Merchant with the Hance, &c.

Sheriff of Kent exempt.

Pleas of the Crown exempted.

Not to plead without the Walls of the City.

Acquittal of Murder and Portſocue.

Not to make a Duel.

Diſcharged of the Pleas of the Crown.

None to take an Inn by Force, &c.

Free of Toll and Laſtage, &c.

Amerciament of Money, &c.

No Meſkennyng.

Court of Portmot in fifteen Days.

Juſt Pledges, &c.

Right be held of Lands and Tenures, &c.

Pleas of all Debts, &c.

Provoſts may take Diſtreſs at Rocheſter.

Brithel and Childwyte, Terſine and Scotal.

Eight Pounds remitted of the Fee-farm yearly.

Fee-farm for 12l. yearly, to be paid half at Eaſter and half at Michaelmas at the Exchequer.

Acquitted of Stallage and Murage.

Formarket.

touching the ſaid Liberty, ſo that no Sheriff, or other our Bailiff or Miniſter, may enter that City to make any Diſtreſſes, Summons, or to do other things which belongeth to their Office, except through the Default of the aforeſaid Citizens, or of their Bailiffs. Wherefore we will, and firmly command, for us and our Heirs, that the aforeſaid Citizens, and their Heirs, may Have and Hold for ever all the Liberties and Acquittances aboveſaid, without the Let or Impediment of us or of our Heirs, Juſtices, Sheriffs, and of all our Bailiffs; And we forbid upon our Forfeiture, that no Man preſume to hinder, vex, or trouble them upon the Premiſſes, or in any of the Premiſſes; With theſe Witneſſes, the Reverend Father *Walter* Biſhop of *Bath* and *Wells*, *Gilbert* of *Clare* Earl of *Glouceſter* and *Hertford*, *William* of *Valentia*, our Brother *Hugh Bygod*, *Roger* of *Leyburne*, *William* of *Acte*, *William Belet*, *Peter Nevill*, *Jeoffery* of *Percy*, *Gilbert Fitz Hugh*, *Bartho le Bygod*, and others: Given by our Hand at *Weſtminſter*, the Sixth Day of *February*, and in the fiftieth Year of our Reign. But we having rated and allowed the Grants and Confirmations aforeſaid the ſame, for us and our Heirs, as much as in us lies, to the aforeſaid Citizens, and their Heirs and Succeſſors, do Grant and Confirm, as the Charter aforeſaid doth reaſonably witneſs, and even as the ſame Citizens and their Anceſtors, the Liberties and Acquittances aforeſaid have hitherto reaſonably uſed and enjoyed; With theſe Witneſſes, the Reverend Father *J.* Biſhop of *Wincheſter* our Chancellor, *W.* Biſhop of *Norwich*, *John* of *Eltham* Earl of *Cornwall*, our moſt dear Brother *Henry* Earl of *Lancaſter*, *Hugh* of *Courtney*, *John* of *Bello Campo* of *Somers*, *Ralph* of *Nevill* Steward of our Houſe, and others: Given by our Hand at *Weſtminſter*, the eighteenth Day of *January*, and in the fourth Year of our Reign. But we the Grants and Confirmations aforeſaid having rated, and allowed the ſame for us, and our Heirs, as much, as in us lies, Do Grant and Confirm to our beloved now Citizens of the City aforeſaid, and to their Heirs and Succeſſors, as the Charter aforeſaid doth reaſonably teſtify, and as the ſame Citizens and their Predeceſſors, the Liberties and Acquittances aforeſaid have hitherto reaſonably uſed and enjoyed: In Witneſs whereof, we have cauſed theſe our Letters to be made Patent: Witneſs Myſelf at *Weſtminſter*, the ſixth Day of *April*, and in the firſt Year of our Reign. And our beloved now Citizens of the City aforeſaid, to us have humbly ſhewed, that although they and their Predeceſſors all and ſingular the Liberties, Franchiſes, and Acquittances, by the Charters and Letters aforeſaid Granted, and from the time of the making of the Charters and Letters the ſame within the City aforeſaid, and the Suburbs, Liberties and Precincts thereof, the ſame have had and held, and them have uſed and enjoyed, and a certain fit Perſon of their Fellow Citizens, time out of mind, on *Monday* next after the Feaſt of Saint *Michael* the Archangel, have accuſtomed to elect and prefer to be Bailiff of the ſaid City; notwithſtanding the aforeſaid Citizens do fear that they hereafter ſhall be much vexed, troubled and moleſted of the Liberties, Franchiſes and Acquittances aforeſaid, or of ſome of them, for and thro' the Ambiguity, Obſcurity, and Difficulty of certain Words and general Terms in the harter and Letters aforeſaid contained, and of the Election of ſuch a Bailiff; whereupon they have humbly ſupplicated unto us, that we would graciouſly in this behalf ſhew unto them our Kingly Bounty; We conſidering the City aforeſaid to be more defenſively fortified in a certain Place againſt the Reſiſtance of our Enemies, deſirous to invade our Kingdom of *England*, and deſervedly contemplating the Fidelity and Obedience of the Citizens of the ſame City, whereby they have hitherto in all things declared themſelves thankful unto us, and of famous Record and Memory to our Progenitors of late Kings of *England*, and ready eſpecially to us very lately, been ready to undergo Labours, Charges, and Dangers of the Bailiff and Citizens of the City aforeſaid, not meanly ſumptuous, and hoping that if the Citizens aforeſaid, and their Succeſſors, out of our Grant, may be able to enjoy larger Liberties, Privileges and Communities, then more eſpecially and ſtrongly they will think themſelves obliged to do and perform what Services they are able to us and our Heirs. Of our eſpecial Grace, and of our

Witneſſes to the Charter of Edward III.

Confirmation of Richard II.

Edw. IV. 1460.

Supplication, Confirmation, Conſideration, &c. Ratification Edw. IV.

certain Knowledge and meer Motion, the Charters and Letters aforeſaid, and all and ſingular in them contained, having rated and allowed the ſame, for us and our Heirs, as much as in us lies, Do accept, approve, and ratify, and to the aforeſaid now Citizens and their Succeſſors Do grant and confirm; And further, of our more bountiful ſpecial Grace, and of our certain Knowledge and meer Motion aforeſaid, We have granted, and for us and our Heirs Do grant to the aforeſaid Citizens and their Succeſſors, that they from henceforth for ever be of one Mayor and Citizens one Body perpetual, and one Community perpetual, in Fact and Name, and that they may have a perpetual Succeſſion, and that the now Bailiff of the City aforeſaid, be from now Mayor of the ſame City, until to *Monday* next after the Feaſt of St. *Michael* the Archangel next to come; And that the ſame Mayor and Citizens, and their Succeſſors Mayor and Citizens of the City of *Rocheſter* be for ever ſo called, and by the ſame Name be Perſons enabled and capable in the Law to purchaſe Lands, Tenements, Rents and other Poſſeſſions whatſoever, To have and to hold to them and their Succeſſors for ever; And that the ſame Mayor and Citizens, and their Succeſſors, by the ſame Name, may plead and be impleaded, anſwer and be anſwered, and proſecute and defend, and be defended, in all Pleas, Suits, Plaints, and Demands, moved and to be moved in whatſoever of our Courts, and of our Heirs, and of others whomſoever; And that the ſame Mayor and Citizens, and their Succeſſors, may have and hold all and ſingular the Liberties, Franchiſes, Privileges, and Acquittances, and other Things whatſoever, in the Charters and Letters aforeſaid contained, and do enjoy the ſame, and may uſe the ſame in Manner and Form wherein the Bailiff and Citizens, or the Citizens of the City aforeſaid, before theſe Times have had and holden, and have uſed and enjoyed; And that they may have a Common Seal, to ſerve for the Buſineſs of the City aforeſaid for ever; And moreover, of our Grace aforeſaid, and of our Knowledge and Motion aforeſaid, We have granted, and for us and our Heirs Do grant to the ſaid Mayor and Citizens, and to their Succeſſors, that they on the aforeſaid *Monday* next after the Feaſt of St. *Michael* the Archangel, from henceforth every Year, within the City aforeſaid, may elect a certain fit Perſon of their Fellow Citizens, although he ſhall be a Victualler or an Inn-keeper, notwithſtanding any Statute, to be Mayor of the ſame City; Which ſaid Mayor, ſo to be elected, ſhall annually take his Oath of the Mayoralty of the City aforeſaid, under the ſame Manner and Form, in which the Bailiff there before theſe Times was accuſtomed to take, before the Mayor his next Predeceſſor, or his Deputy, and not in any other Manner, nor before any other; And if it may happen ſuch Mayor within the Year after Election made of him, to depart, or by any Chance ariſing to be moved from the Office of Mayoralty of the City aforeſaid, then the Citizens of the City aforeſaid may elect ſome other fit Perſon to be Mayor of the ſame City for the Remainder of that Year, in Form aforeſaid, who before the Mayor of the ſame City of the Year next paſt, or his Deputy, ſhall take his Oath of ſuch Mayoralty in Form aforeſaid; And that every Mayor of the City aforeſaid, in Form aforeſaid to be elected, may ordain, conſtitute, and have ſo many Serjeants at Mace, and other his Miniſters, as for the well and decent Government of the ſame City, as ſhall ſeem neceſſary and convenient to him; And that the aforeſaid Mayor and Citizens, and their Succeſſors, every Year on the Day of the Election of the Mayor of the City aforeſaid, immediately after ſuch Mayor ſhall be elected, may elect one fit Perſon to be Coroner, and two diſcreet their Fellow Citizens to be Conſtables of the City aforeſaid, for the better Regimen and Government of the ſame City; Which ſaid Coroner ſo to be elected, we will, for us and our Heirs, the Office of a Coroner, and all things which belong to ſuch an Office, and the aforeſaid Conſtables all things belonging to ſuch an Office of Conſtables, to do and execute within the City aforeſaid, and the Liberties and Precincts thereof; So that no Coroner of the County aforeſaid, may in any wiſe enter into the City Liberty, and Precincts aforeſaid, to do any thing which belongeth to the Office of a Coroner. We have

Mayor and Citizens are of one Mayor and Citizens one Body and one Community perpetual in Fact and Name, and have perpetual Succeſſion.

Mayor and Citizens are capable to purchaſe Lands, &c.

Mayor and Citizens may plead and be impleaded, anſwer and be anſwered, proſecute and defend, and be defended, &c.

Common Seal.

Day of Election of Mayor on Monday next after the Feaſt of St. Michael the Archangel.

Elected Mayor to take his Oath annually of the Office of the Mayoralty of the City.

On the Departure or amoving of the Mayor, to elect another.

Every Mayor may ordain, conſtitute, and have ſo many Serjeants at Mace as ſhall ſeem neceſſary.

Election of Coroner.

Election of Two Conſtables.

Coroner of the County exempted.

Granted

Granted alſo, and for us and our Heirs do Grant to the aforeſaid Mayor and Citizens, and their Succeſſors, that the Liberties, and Precincts of the City aforeſaid, do from henceforth extend themſelves by the Limits and Bounds underwritten, as well by Land as by Water; that is to ſay, from the City aforeſaid by Land, unto a certain Hoſpital, called St. *Bertholomew*'s, and from the Wharf of the aforeſaid Hoſpital, over-againſt the Water of *Medeway*, in Circuit, that is to ſay, by *Kinges-ſorowe*, and *Sheraker Lancelane* unto *Horſted-ſtreete*, and from thence in Circuit, by a Lane which lies between the Meſſuage of *Gilbert Stritche*, and *William Horſtede*, unto a certain Croſs, called *Kenelinges-crowch*, otherwiſe called *Pouleſcroſſe*, and from the aforeſaid Croſs in Circuit, unto the Manor of *Neſshynden*, and from thence unto the Mill-hill beſide *Neſshynden*, and from thence in Circuit unto a certain Rock (Stone) between the King's High-way leading unto *Woldham*, and the Manor called *Ringges* on the Eaſt Part of the aforeſaid Manor, and from the aforeſaid Rock (Stone) all along into the Water of *Medeway* there; Alſo from the City aforeſaid, all along to a certain Croſs over-againſt in *Littleborgh*, in the Town of *Strode*, and alſo by the Water of *Medeway* aforeſaid; that is to ſay, from *Shirenaſſe* all along up to *Hawkewood*. And moreover, of our moſt bountyful Grace, we have granted for us and our Heirs, to the aforeſaid Mayor and Citizens, and their Succeſſors, that the Mayor of the City aforeſaid for the Time being, and certain Citizens of the ſame, by the Mayor himſelf to be hereunto called, may have for ever Power of ſearching all manner of Merchandiſe to be ſhipped within the Liberty and Precinct aforeſaid, and all and ſingular ſuch Things, by ſuch Search to be found forfeited, to arreſt, and cauſe to be kept to the Uſe of us and our Heirs. And that the ſame Mayor and Citizens, and their Succeſſors, from henceforth for ever, may have all the Wreck of the Sea, and Fiſhes to be caught within the Liberty and Precinct aforeſaid, and belonging to us and our Heirs, and all other Things whatſoever within the Liberty and Precinct aforeſaid to be found, which may belong and appertain, and hereafter may belong and appertain to us and our Heirs, without rendering to us or our Heirs any Thing for the ſame; And that the aforeſaid Mayor and Citizens, and their Succeſſors for ever, may have a Paſſage over the Water of *Medeway*, called the Ferye; that is to ſay, from the City aforeſaid unto the Town of *Strode*, and from the ſaid Town unto the ſaid City, if and when, (which God forbid) it may happen our Bridge there, or any Part thereof, to want repairing, or be broken, ſo that a ſafe Paſſage for our faithful leige Subjects beyond the ſame Bridge may not be had, with all and ſingular ſuch Things, which to us and our Heirs of and for the ſame Paſſage do belong, or may belong, without paying any Thing, or making any Accompt to us or our Heirs for the ſame. And furthermore, of our Grace aforeſaid, and of our certain Knowledge and Motion aforeſaid, we will, and for us and our Heirs aforeſaid, do grant to the aforeſaid Mayor and Citizens, and their Succeſſors, that the Mayor of the City aforeſaid, for the Time being, do make and have, as well in our Preſence, and of our Heirs, as in our Abſence, and of our Heirs, by himſelf, or his Miniſters or Deputies, the Aſſize and Eſſay, Emendation and Correction of the Bread, Ale, and all manner of other Victual, and of Meaſures, Weights, and of other Things whatſoever, to the Office of the Clerk of the Market of our Houſe, and of our Heirs, appertaining, or belonging, within the City, Liberty, and Precinct aforeſaid, with the Puniſhment of the ſame, and all and whatſoever which belongs to the Office of ſuch a Clerk of the Market, or may belong, to be done and executed, he may do and exerciſe, and execute as often, and when it ſhall be needful and neceſſary, ſo fully, freely, and wholly, as any Clerk of the Market of our Houſe, and of our Heirs, might do, and have, or ought to do, and have, if this our preſent Grant had not been made; So that no Clerk of the Market of our Houſe, or of our Heirs, neither our Admiral of *England*, or of our Heirs, or his Lieutenant, Commiſſaries, Officers, or Deputies, nor the Steward or Marſhal of

Liberties and Precincts of the City by Land and by Water.

Mayor, &c. have Power of ſearching all manner of Merchandiſe ſhipped and to be ſhipped within the City, &c.

Wreck of the Sea, &c.

Grant of a Ferry over the Medway.

Mayor of the City has Power to aſſize Bread, Wine, Ale, &c. and all other Things appertaining to the Clerk of the Market, &c.

Clerk of the Market, Admiral of England, his Lieutenant, &c. exempt.

of our Houſe, or of our Heirs, or their Servants, nor any of them, the City, Liberty, and Precinct aforeſaid, by Land or by Water, from henceforth, do in any wiſe enter, to do, exerciſe, or execute any Thing which to ſuch an Office, or any of them there, do belong, or may belong, to be done, exerciſed or executed. And it ſhall be lawful for the aforeſaid Mayor and Citizens of the City aforeſaid, for the Time being, and every one of them, and for every ſuch Clerk of the Market, and Admiral and his Lieutenant, Commiſſaries, Officers, and Deputy, and Steward, and Marſhal of our Houſe, and of our Heirs and theirs, and every of their Servants, and every of them, within the City, Liberty and Precinct aforeſaid, by Water or by Land, to any Thing which belongeth to their Office, or may belong, to be done, to be executed, or to exerciſe, to reſiſt him or them to do any their Office there, or aſk, liſt to execute, by no means to permit without Impeachment of us, or of our Heirs, or of any other whomſoever. And *further*, of our moſt ample Grace, we have granted for us, and our Heirs, to the aforeſaid Mayor and Citizens, and their Succeſſors, that they, and all Men reſiding and abiding in the City, Liberty and Precinct aforeſaid, from henceforth or for ever, be acquitted throughout our whole Kingdom of *England*, as well by Land as by Water, as well in Fairs, Markets, Ferrys, and Sea-ports, as in other Places whatſoever, of Toll, Paſſage, Pannage, Laſtage, Stallage, Taliage, Carriage, Peiſage, Piccage, Tronage, Pontage, Coinage, Anchorage, and Wharfage, and of Suits to be done at County Shires and Hundreds, and Laths of Hundreds. And that the ſame Mayor and Citizens, and their Succeſſors henceforth for ever, may have all manner of Goods and Chattels of all Men reſiding within the City, Liberty, and Precincts aforeſaid, therein to be found, outlawed for Treaſon, Felony, Contempt, Treſpaſs, Debt, Accompt, or other Action whatſoever, at our Suit, of our Heirs, or of any other whomſoever; And alſo, all manner of Goods and Chattels of all ſuch Men reſiding within the Liberty and Precincts aforeſaid, of Felons themſelves, Self-murderers, and of other Felons whomſoever, of Fugitives, and condemned Perſons, and all the Goods of all ſuch Men whomſoever reſiding within the City, Liberty, and Precinct aforeſaid, to be confiſcate; ſo that if any of ſuch Man reſiding, for any Treaſon whatſoever, Felony, or any other Occaſion, ought to loſe his Life or Member, and ſhall fly, and will not ſtand to Judgment, or ſhall be outlawed, or ſhall commit any other Crime or Forfeiture, or any other thing for which he ought to loſe his Goods and Chattels, whereſoever Juſtice ought to be done thereupon, whether it be before us or our Heirs in our Chancery, or of our Heirs, or before our Treaſurer and Barons of our Exchequer, or of our Heirs, our Juſtices, or of our Heirs, of the Common Bench, the Steward, and Marſhal, and Clerk of the Market of our Houſe, or of our Heirs, our Juſtices, or of our Heirs, itinerant. at the Common Pleas, and Pleas of the Crown, or at the Pleas of our Juſtices of the Foreſt, or of our Heirs, aſſigned and to be aſſigned to hear and determine Felonies, Treaſons, Treſpaſſes, Oppreſſions, Exceſſes, Grievances, and Evil-deeds, as well at our Suit, and of our Heirs, as of others whomſoever, or of any other whoſoever, to our Juſtices, or of our Heirs, the Aſſizes, Juries, Certificates, or other Inquiſitions whatſoever to take, or Goal-deliveries aſſigned and to be aſſigned, to the Keepers of our Peace, or of our Heirs, our Juſtices, or of our Heirs, aſſigned and to be aſſigned, to hear and determine divers Felonies, Treſpaſſes, and Evil-deeds, or before whomſoever other Juſtices, Officers, or Miniſters of us, or of our Heirs, as well in our Preſence and of our Heirs, as in the Abſence of us and of our Heirs, and in all other Caſes and Places, the ſame Goods and Chattels within the City, Liberty, and Precincts aforeſaid, are to be found, of the ſaid Mayor and Citizens, and their Succeſſors: And that it may be lawful for them, and their Servants and Miniſters, without the Impediment of us or of our Heirs, or of any other our Officers, Juſtices, or Miniſters, or of our Heirs, or of our Sheriff, Eſcheators, Coroners, Mayor, Bailiffs, Conſtables, or of any others our Miniſters, or of our Heirs, whomſoever, to put themſelves

Mayor and Citizens may reſiſt the Clerk of the Market, Admiral, &c. to exerciſe their Office, &c.

All Men reſiding within the City, &c. are free thro' England, of Toll, Paſſage, Pannage, Laſtage, Stallage, Taliage, Carriage, Peiſage, Piccage, Tronage, Pontage, Coinage, Anchorage, and Wharfage, &c.

Mayor and Citizens have all the Goods, &c. of Out-laws, &c.

Alſo all the Goods of Self-Murderers, and other Felons whomſoever, &c.

Goal-deliveries, &c.

themſelves in Seizm of the aforeſaid Goods and Chattles, in all and ſingular the Caſes aforeſaid, and the ſame Goods and Chattles to the Uſe and Profit of the ſaid Mayor and Citizens, and their Succeſſors, to retain, as the ſame our Officers, Bailiffs, and Miniſters of our Heirs, might or ought to ſeiſe the ſame Goods and Chattles into the Hands of us, or of our Heirs, if they did belong to us, or our Heirs; although ſuch Men ſo reſiding, of us, or of our Heirs, or of any other, or of any others, Perſon or Perſons, hath any where holden, or any of them have held the ſame; and although ſuch Men ſo reſiding be, or any of them be, the Bailiffs or Miniſters of us, or of our Heirs, or of the ſaid Mayor and Citizens, and their Succeſſors, or of any other Perſon. And moreover, of our Grace aforeſaid, and of our Knowledge and Motion aforeſaid, we have granted, and for us and our Heirs do grant, to the aforeſaid Mayor and Citizens, and their Succeſſors, That the Mayor of the ſame City for the Time being, having called unto him Two of his more diſcreet Fellow-Citizens, to hold before the ſame Mayor, in our Court of Portmote of the City aforeſaid, from Fifteen Days to Fifteen Days, all perſonal Pleas; that is to ſay, of Debt, Covenant, Detainer, Accompt, Treſpaſs, Deceit, and Contempt, of taking and detaining of Beaſts and Cattle, and of other Contracts, Cauſes, and Matters perſonal whatſoever, within the City, Liberty, and Precincts aforeſaid, before theſe Times ariſen, and hereafter to ariſe, by Bills and Plaints before the ſame Mayor in the ſame Court to be levied and affirmed; and what Perſons ſoever againſt whom ſuch Bills and Plaints in the ſaid Court or ſhall happen to be proſecuted, or moved by their Miniſters to be ſummoned, and by their Lands, Goods, and Chattles, to be attached and diſtrained, and, as the Caſe ſhall require, by their Bodies, and Goods, and Chattles, within the City, Liberty, and Precinct aforeſaid, by a due Proceſs of Law to be arreſted and attached, and to cauſe their Bodies to be committed to Priſon, and all ſuch Pleas to hear and determine, and to render Judgment thereupon, and to make Executions thereupon, to be done by his Miniſters for ever. And that the aforeſaid Mayor and Citizens, and their Succeſſors, may have from henceforth for ever, Cognizances of all Pleas, as well real as perſonal and mixt, and of other Pleas whatſoever of Lands and Tenements within the City, Liberty, and Precincts aforeſaid; and alſo of all Pleas of Aſſize, Novel Mortdanncaſter, Deſeizme, Reddeſeizme, Attaints, and Certifications; And alſo of all Pleas of Debt, Convention, Detenure, Accompt, Treſpaſs, and Contempt, of taking and detaining of Beaſts and Cattle, and of other Contracts whatſoever within the City, Liberty, and Precincts aforeſaid, ariſing and to ariſe, moved and to be moved, in whatſoever our Courts; that is to ſay, before us and our Heirs, and before us and our Heirs in our Chancery, and of our Heirs, and before the Treaſurer and Barons of our Exchequer, and of our Heirs, and our Juſtices, and of our Heirs, of the Common Bench, and our Juſtices, and of our Heirs, at whatſoever Aſſizes aſſigned and to be aſſigned, to take Juries and Certificates, and others whomſoever our Juſtices, Officers, and Miniſters, and of our Heirs. And that the Mayor of the ſaid City for the Time being all ſuch Pleas, having called unto him Two of his moſt diſcreet Fellow-Citizens, in our Court of the City aforeſaid may hold and determine, and Judgments thereupon to be given, to cauſe them to be duly executed. And that the Mayor of the City aforeſaid for the Time being may have for ever the Return of all our Writs and Precepts, and of our Heirs, and Executions of the ſame; And alſo the Returns of whatſoever Bills and Precepts before whomſoever our Juſtices, Officers, and Miniſters, and of our Heirs, returnable, and Executions of the ſame to be made within the City, Liberty, and Precincts aforeſaid, by the Miniſters and Deputies of the ſame Mayor and Citizens, and of their Succeſſors; So that no Sheriff, or other our Officer or Miniſter, or of our Heirs, whomſoever, do enter within the City, Liberty, and Precincts aforeſaid, to do any ſuch Execution there, except in Defect of the ſaid Mayor and Citizens, and of their Succeſſors,

Court of Portmote from 15 Days to 15 Days, &c.

Cognizance of all Pleas, &c.

Pleas of Debt, Treſpaſs, Accompt, Detenure, &c.

Judgment to be executed, &c.

The Mayor to have the Return of all Writs and Precepts, &c.

Sheriff exempt, &c.

Mayor and Citizens have all manner of Fines for Treſpaſſes, Oppreſſions, Extortions, Deceits, Conſpiracies, Contempts, Concealments, Regrators, Foreſtallers, &c.

Fines for Licence of Contracts, &c.

Deodand, Wreck of the Sea, &c.

or of their Miniſters or Deputies aforeſaid. And alſo, that the ſame Mayor and Citizens, and their Succeſſors for ever, may have all manner of Fines for Treſpaſſes, Oppreſſions, Extortions, Deceits, Conſpiracies, Contempts, Concealments, Regrators and Foreſtallers, Maintenances, Ambidexters, Falſities, Eſcapes of Felons, and other Offences and Miſpriſons whatſoever; And all Fines for Licence of Concord; alſo all manner of Amerciaments, Redemptions, Iſſues-forfeited, and all manner of Forfeitures, as well by our Writs, and of our Heirs, of Attaints, Decies tantum premunire fac, adjudged and to be adjudged, as well as by all other our Writs and Mandates whatſoever, and of our Heirs, a Year and a Day, Strepp and Waſte, Deodand, and Treaſure found in Places above Ground and under Ground, and in the Wreck of the Sea, and all other Things which to us and our Heirs ſhall or ought to belong, as well of the ſaid Year-day Waſte and Strepp, as of Murders, Eſcapes, Felonies, Rapes of Women, and Felonies whatſoever, of all manner of ſuch, reſiding within the City, Liberty, and Precincts aforeſaid, in whatſoever our Courts, and of our Heirs; that is to ſay, before us and our Heirs, and before us and our Heirs in our Chancery, and of our Heirs, and before the Treaſurer and Barons of our Exchequer, and of our Heirs, our Juſtices, and of our Heirs, of the Common Bench, the Steward, and Marſhal, and Clerk of the Market of our Houſe, and of our Heirs, our Juſtices, and of our Heirs, itinerant, at the Common Pleas and Pleas of the Crown, or at the Plea of Foreſt, our Juſtices, and of our Heirs, aſſigned and to be aſſigned, to hear and determine Felonies, Treaſons, Treſpaſſes, Oppreſſions, Exceſſes, Grievances, and Evil-deeds, as well at our Suit, and of our Heirs, as of others whomſoever our Juſtices, and of our Heirs, aſſigned and to be aſſigned, at Aſſizes, to take Juries, and Certificates, and other Inquiſitions whatſoever, or Goals to be delivered, our Keepers of the Peace, and of our Heirs, and our Juſtices, and of our Heirs, aſſigned and to be aſſigned, to hear and determine diverſe Felonies, Tranſgreſſions, and Evil-deeds, and before whomſoever others our Juſtices, Officers, and Miniſters, and of our Heirs, as well in our Preſence, and of our Heirs, as in our Abſence, and of our Heirs, thoſe ſame Men to make or to have had made Fine, to be amercied or to have had been amercied, to forfeit Iſſues or to have had forfeited them, or a Year-day Waſte, Strepp, Forfeiture, Deodand, and Treaſure found, and Wreck of the Sea, which to us and our Heirs may belong, and ſhall happen to be adjudged. And that the ſame Mayor and Citizens, and their Succeſſors, may have and receive all and ſingular the Things aforeſaid, in Form aforeſaid. And that it may be lawful to and for the aforeſaid Mayor and Citizens, and their Succeſſors, all the aforeſaid Fines, Redemptions, Amerciaments, Iſſues-forfeited, Forfeitures, Deodand, Treaſure found, Wreck of the Sea, and all which to us and our Heirs of the ſaid Year-day Waſte, Strepp, Murder, and Felony may belong, within the City, Liberty, and Precincts aforeſaid, by himſelf and his Deputies or Miniſters, to levy, collect, receive, and have, and to put themſelves in Seizm thereof, without Challenge, Impeachment, or Impediment of us or our Heirs, our Juſtices, Eſcheators, Sheriffs, or other Officers, or Miniſters of us, or of our Heirs, whomſoever; although the ſame Men ſo reſiding, of us, or of our Heirs, or of ſome other Perſon, or of ſome other Perſons, have elſewhere held, or ſome of them have held, although moreover the ſame Men ſo reſiding, or any of them, be our Miniſters, or of our Heir, or of the ſaid Mayor and Citizens, or their Succeſſors, or of any other Perſon; although alſo the Pledges or Manucaptors of the ſaid Men ſo reſiding, or of any of them, of us, or our Heirs, or of ſome other Perſon, or of ſome other Perſons, have elſewhere held, or any of them hath holden, and be not Reſidents within the City, Liberty, and Precincts aforeſaid, or any of them be not.

View of Frank-pledge.

And moreover, of our moſt abundant Grace, for us and our Heirs, we have granted to the ſaid Mayor and Citizens, and their Succeſſors, that they and their Succeſſors may have for ever a View of Frank-pledge in the City aforeſaid, and

in a certain Place called the *Boley*, within the Suburbs of the City aforeſaid, twice in the Year; that is to ſay, after the Feaſt of *Eaſter*, and of Saint *Michael*, ſeparately to be held; and alſo a Court of Pipe-powders, from Hour to Hour, and all Things which to the aforeſaid View of Frank-pledge and Courts do belong, and all and all manner of Iſſues, Fines, Redemptions, and Amerciaments thence ariſing, or there howſoever falling or happening; and that the ſame, by their proper Miniſters or Deputies, may be able to levy, receive, and collect, without any Impediment whatſoever. And that the ſame Mayor and Citizens, and their Succeſſors for ever, may have one Fair in the City aforeſaid annually, in the Feaſt of St. *Dunſtan* the Biſhop, which is the Nineteenth day of *May*, continues for three Days; that is to ſay, in the Eve, in the Day, and Morrow of the Feaſt aforeſaid, with all the Liberties and free Cuſtoms, Forfeitures, and Pleas, belonging to ſuch a Fair, ſo that notwithſtanding that Fair be not to the Detriment of the neighbouring Fairs. Moreover, of our Grace aforeſaid, we have granted and given Licence for us and our Heirs, to the aforeſaid Mayor and Citizens, and their Succeſſors, that they and their Succeſſors upon our Eaſtern-gate, within the City aforeſaid, to the Uſe and Profit of the ſame City, when they ſhall have need, may build and erect new Houſes, as well of Rocks (Stones) as of Wood, at their Pleaſures, and may have the Profit of the Herbage and Paſture growing, as well in the Circuit without the Walls of the City aforeſaid, as in the Circuit without the Walls of our Caſtle there, and in all the Ditches belonging to our aforeſaid Caſtle, To have and receive, by themſelves, or their Miniſters, or Servants, every Year, to the Uſe and Profit of the City aforeſaid, without the Impeachment or Impediment of us, or of our Heirs, or of our Miniſters, or of our Heirs, whomſoever. Furthermore, of our Grace aforeſaid, and of our Knowledge and Motion, we have granted, and for us and our Heirs aforeſaid, do grant to the aforeſaid Mayor and Citizens, and their Succeſſors, that the Mayor of the ſaid City for the Time being, and ſome Man learned in the Law, be from henceforth for ever jointly and ſeparately Keepers of our Peace, and of our Heirs; and that they may have Power and Authority to our Peace, and of our Heirs, and alſo to the Statutes and Ordinances at *Wincheſter*, *Northampton*, and *Weſtminſter*, for the Conſervation of the ſaid Peace, and other the Statutes and Ordinances there, and at *Cambridge*, concerning Hunters, Workmen, Artificers, Servants, Hoſtlers, Beggars, and Vagabonds, and others, Begging-men, who call themſelves Travelling-men; and likewiſe to the Statutes and Ordinances at *Weſtminſter*, in the Years of *Henry* the Fourth, late of Fact, and not of Right, King of *England*, the firſt and ſecond, concerning the Liveries of Signs, Societies, Knights, Eſquires, or Valets, or other Liveries of Cloths, in nowiſe to be given, and that might not by any means uſe the ſame Liveries. And alſo, to a certain Statute * in the Parliament of *H.* the Fifth, late of Fact, and not of Right, King of *England*, made at *Leiceſter*; and alſo to another certain Statute in the Parliament of the ſame *H.* the Fifth, held at *Weſtminſter*, concerning the counterfeiting, clipping, waſhing, and other Falſity of our *Engliſh* Money likewiſe made; And alſo to all other Ordinances and Statutes, made and to be made, for the Good of our Peace, and of our Heirs, and the quiet Regimen and Government of our People, and of our Heirs, in all and ſingular their Articles within the City, Liberty, and Precincts aforeſaid, according to the Force, Form, and Effect of the ſame, to be kept and cauſe to be kept, and to chaſtiſe and puniſh all thoſe whom they ſhall find delinquent againſt the Form of the Ordinances and Statutes aforeſaid, as it ſhould be done, according to the Form of the ſaid Ordinances and Statutes, and to cauſe to come before them all thoſe who have threatened any of our People, or of our Heirs, concerning their Bodies, or of the burning of their Houſes, to find ſufficient Security for the Peace, and good Behaviour towards us and our People, and of our Heirs; and if they ſhall refuſe

Court of Pipe-powders, &c.

St. Dunſtan's Fair, &c.

Licence to build upon the Eaſt-gate.

Grant of Herbage without the Walls of the City and Caſtle-Ditch, &c.

Seſſions, &c. Mayor, and a certain Man learned in the Law, to be Juſtices of the Peace, &c.

* Againſt the Lollards.

All Ordinances, &c. made, and to be made, for the Good of the Peace, &c.

Puniſhment of all Delinquents, &c.

Security for the Peace, &c.

Power of the Juſtices to enquire of Felonies, Treſpaſſes, &c.

fuſe to find ſuch Security, then to cauſe them to be ſafe kept in our Priſon, and of our Heirs, in the City aforeſaid, until they ſhall find ſuch Security. And furthermore, that they from henceforth for ever be our Juſtices, and of our Heirs, to enquire by the Oath of honeſt and lawful Men of the City, Liberty, and Precincts aforeſaid, whereby the Truth of the Matter may be the better known, of all manner of Felonies, Treſpaſſes, Foreſtallers, Regrators, and Extortions, within the City, Liberty, and Precincts aforeſaid, by whomſoever or howſoever done or committed, and which from henceforth there may happen to be done, and of all and ſingular other Matters within the City, Liberty, and Precincts aforeſaid, howſoever done, attempted, or committed, and which from henceforth there may happen to be done, attempted or committed, whereupon it ought, and is wont, and ſhall be, ought to be enquired by the Keepers of our Peace, and of our Heirs, our Juſtices, and of our Heirs, to enquire of ſuch Felonies, Treſpaſſes, and Evil-deeds, in any County of our Kingdom of *England*, by Virtue of the Ordinances and Statutes aforeſaid, heretofore made, and hereafter to be made, aſſigned, and to be aſſigned, according to the Force and Effect of our Letters Patents, and of our Heirs, to them therefore made, and to be made, and to all and ſingular the Premiſſes, and others whatſoever, within the City, Liberty, and Precincts aforeſaid, done, attempted, or committed, and from henceforth to be done, attempted, or committed, which by ſuch Keepers of our Peace, and of our Heirs, and of our Juſtices, and of our Heirs, aſſigned, and to be aſſigned, to hear and determine ſuch Felonies, Treſpaſſes, and Evil-deeds in any County aforeſaid, by Virtue of the Ordinances and Statutes aforeſaid, and of the aforeſaid Letters, they ought, and are wont, and ſhall be, ought to be diſcuſſed and determined by the ſame Mayor, and learned Man in the Law, hearing and determining according to the Law and Cuſtom of our Kingdom of *England*, and the Form of the Ordinances and Statutes aforeſaid: So that all Writs, Precepts, and other Warrants for the Premiſſes, and every of the Premiſſes to be made, be directed to the Miniſters of the aforeſaid Mayor, and by them be executed, without any Writ, Precept, or Warrant, to be directed to the Sheriff or Coroners of the County of *Kent*. So that alſo the Keepers of our Peace, and of our Heirs, and our Juſtices, and of our Heirs, aſſigned, and to be aſſigned, to hear and determine ſuch Felonies, Treſpaſſes, and Evil-deeds, in the County of *Kent*, done or committed, or to be done or committed, may not enter, or any of them, by any means, may enter the City, Liberty, and Precincts aforeſaid, to do any Thing which belongeth to the Keepers of our Peace, or ſuch Juſtices, to be done, neither do intermeddle themſelves, nor any of them do intermeddle himſelf therein, in any manner whatſoever. And furthermore, of our Grace aforeſaid, and of our Knowledge and Motion aforeſaid, we have granted, for us and our Heirs aforeſaid, to the aforeſaid Mayor and Citizens, and their Succeſſors, that none of them within the City, Liberty, and Precincts aforeſaid, for the Time being, abiding and reſiding without the Town, Liberty, and Precincts aforeſaid, againſt his Will, be put or impannelled in any Aſſizes, Juries, Inquiſitions, Attaints, or Recognizances whatſoever, concerning us, or our Heirs, or others whomſoever, nor be made an Aſſeſſer, Taxer, or Collector of Tiths, Fifteenths, or other Tallages, Impoſitions, or Subſidies whatſoever, or howſoever, to us or our Heirs, granted or to be granted, or of any Part or Parcel of the ſame, or of any of them, or Collectors of a reaſonable Aid, to make our eldeſt Son, or of our Heirs, a Knight, or to marry our eldeſt Daughter, or of our Heirs, without the City, Liberty, and Precincts aforeſaid, neither ordained or aſſigned, a Conſtable, Bailiff, or any other our Officer or Miniſter, or of our Heirs, without the ſame City, the Liberty, and Precincts, neither be called, compelled, or conſtrained to any Office, or Charge above recited, nor to do, receive, or occupy any other Office againſt his Will, without the City, Liberty,

All Writs, &c. to be directed to the Mayor's Officers, &c.

Juſtices of the County of Kent, &c. exempt, &c.

Mayor and Citizens, &c. reſiding within the City, Liberty, and Precinct, &c. not to be put on Juries, Attaints, &c. againſt their Wills, &c.

and

and Precincts aforeſaid, in any manner whatſoever. And although that any of the aforeſaid Mayor and Citizens, and their Succeſſors, within the City, Liberty, and Precincts aforeſaid, abiding and reſiding without the City, Liberty, and Precincts of the ſame, in any ſuch Aſſizes, Juries, Inquiſitions, Attaints, or other Recognizances whatſoever, againſt his Will ſhall be put, impannelled, or returned, to any Offices or Charges aboveſaid, or any other Office without the City, Liberty, and Precinct aforeſaid, be elected, and he before the Juſtices, or other Commiſſioners, or our Officers, or of our Heirs, before whom he ſhall happen to be ſummoned, or returned to come and appear in ſuch Aſſizes, Juries, Inquiſitions, Attaints, or Recognizances, he ſhall refuſe to be ſworn or tried, or the Offices and Charges aforeſaid to do, receive or occupy, nevertheleſs he ſo refuſing may not by any means incur Contempt, Puniſhment, Amerciament, Forfeiture, or loſe any Thing in thoſe Actions, or in any of them, towards us, or our Heirs, but thereof, as well before our Juſtices whomſoever, and of our Heirs, as before our Treaſurer and Barons, and of our Heirs, of the Exchequer, and in whatſoever other Place of Record, and others our Commiſſioners and Officers, and of our Heirs, throughout all our whole Kingdom of *England*, be for ever acquitted and exonerated. And further, of our Grace aforeſaid, we have granted, and for us, and our Heirs, do grant and give Licence to the aforeſaid Mayor and Citizens, and their Succeſſors, that they the Lands, Tenements, Rents, and other Poſſeſſions, which are held of us in free Burgage, to the Value of Twenty Pounds by the Year, of what Perſons whomſoever, willing to give, grant, or aſſign the ſame unto them, they may acquire, and hold the ſame to them, and their Succeſſors for ever. In which that expreſs Mention of the true Value yearly, or any other Value, or Certainty of the Premiſſes, or of any of them, or of any other Gifts or Grants heretofore made to the aforeſaid Mayor and Citizens, or to their Predeceſſors, by us, or any of our Progenitors, not made in theſe Preſents, or the Statute made concerning Lands and Tenements, not to be put into Mortmain, or any other Statute, Act, Ordinance, Uſe, Cuſtom, or Proviſion to the contrary, made, ordained, uſed, or provided, or any Thing, Cauſe, or Matter whatſoever in any wiſe notwithſtanding. Theſe being Witneſſes, the Reverend Fathers, *Th.* of *Canterbury*, Primate of all *England*, and Legate of the Apoſtolical Seat; our moſt dear Kinſman, *W.* of *York*, Primate of *England*, Archbiſhops; *G. Exon*, our moſt dear Kinſman and Chancellour; *W. Ely*, Biſhops; *George* of *Clarence*, and *Richard* of *Glouceſter*, our moſt dear Brothers, Dukes; *Richard Warren*, Steward of *England*, *H.* of *Eſſex* our Treaſurer, *William* of *Kent* Steward of our Houſe, Earls; our moſt dear Couſins, and beloved and faithful *John* of *Mont-acute*, and *William* of *Haſting*, Knights; and our beloved Clerk *Robert Stillington*, Keeper of our Privy Seal, and others: Given by our Hand at *Weſtminſter*, the Fourteenth Day of *December*, and in the Firſt Year of our Reign. But we the Charters, Letters, Grants, and Confirmations aforeſaid, having rated and allowed the ſame for us and our Heirs, as much as in us lies, to our beloved now Mayor and Citizens of the City aforeſaid, and their Heirs and Succeſſors, Mayor and Citizens of the City aforeſaid, do grant and confirm, as the Charters and Letters aforeſaid do reaſonably teſtify, and even as the ſame Mayor and Citizens, and their Predeceſſors, the Liberties and Acquittances aforeſaid have hitherto reaſonably uſed and enjoyed: In Witneſs of which Matter we have cauſed theſe our Letters to be made Patents; Witneſs myſelf at *Canterbury* the Fourteenth Day of *April*, and in the ſecond Year of our Reign. But we the Letters aforeſaid, and all and ſingular in them contained, having rated and allowed the ſame for us and our Heirs, as much as in us lies, do accept and approve, and to our beloved now Mayor and Citizens of the City aforeſaid, and their Succeſſors, by the Tenor of theſe Preſents, do ratify and approve, as the Letters aforeſaid do reaſonably teſtify: In Witneſs of which Deed we have cauſed theſe our Letters to be made Patents; Witneſs myſelf at *Weſtminſter* the thirtieth Day of *May*, and in the firſt Year of our Reign. But we the Charters

If any of the Mayor and Citizens reſiding, &c. within the City, &c. be put on Juries, &c. againſt their Wills, without the City, &c. on refuſing to ſerve the ſame, may not incur Contempt, &c. and may plead the ſame, &c.

Licence to hold Lands to the Value of twenty Pounds per Annum.

Expreſs Mention of the true Value yearly, &c.

Mortmain.

Witneſſes to the Charter of Edward the 4th, 1460.

The End of the Charter of E. 4th, dated 14th December, in the firſt Year of his Reign, 1460.

Confirmation of H. 8th.

The End of the Charter of H. 8th dated at Canterbury the 14th of April in the 2d Year of his Reign, 1510.

Confirmation of E. 6th.

The End of the Charter of E. 6th, dated at Weſtminſter, 30th May, and in the firſt Year of his Reign, 1547.

Confirmation of Queen Elizabeth.

and Letters aforeſaid, and all and ſingular in them contained, having rated and allowed the ſame for us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, as much as in us lies, do accept and approve, and to our beloved *Edmund Browne*, now Mayor of the City aforeſaid, and to the Citizens of the ſame City, and their Succeſſors, by the Tenor of theſe Preſents, do ratify and confirm, even as the Letters aforeſaid in themſelves do reaſonably teſtify: In witneſs of which Purpoſe we have cauſed theſe our Letters to be made Patents; Witneſs myſelf at *Weſtminſter*, the fifteenth Day of *November*, and in the firſt Year of our Reign. But we the Charters and Letters aforeſaid, and all and ſingular in the ſame contained, having rated and allowed the ſame for us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, as much as in us lies, do accept and approve, and to our beloved now Mayor and Citizens of the City aforeſaid, and their Succeſſors, by the Tenor of theſe Preſents, do ratify and confirm, and even as the Charters and Letters aforeſaid do in themſelves reaſonably teſtify: In witneſs of which thing we have cauſed theſe our Letters to be made Patents; Witneſs myſelf at *Weſtminſter*, the eleventh Day of *September*, and Year of our Reign of *England*, *France*, and *Ireland* the fifth, and of *Scotland* the one and fortieth. Know ye now, that we of our ſpecial Grace, and of our certain Knowledge and meer Motion, have given, granted, and confirmed, and by theſe Preſents, for us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, do give, grant, and confirm, to the aforeſaid Mayor and Citizens of the City of *Rocheſter* aforeſaid, and to their Succeſſors, all and all manner of Liberties, Franchiſes, Immunities, Exemptions, Privileges, Acquittances, and Juriſdictions whatſoever, which the Mayor and Citizens of the City aforeſaid now have, hold, uſe and enjoy, or the Bailiff and Citizens of the City aforeſaid, or the Citizens of the City aforeſaid, or any of them, or their Predeceſſors, by what Name ſoever, or by what Names ſoever, or by whatſoever Incorporation, or by Pretence of whatſoever Incorporation hitherto they have had, held, uſed, or enjoyed, or ought to have had held, uſed, or enjoyed, of a State hereditary, by Reaſon, or by Pretence of any Charters or Letters Patents by any of our Progenitors or Predeceſſors, late Kings or Queens of *England*, in any wiſe heretofore made, granted, or confirmed, or by whatſoever other lawful Means, Right, or Title, Cuſtom, Uſe, or Preſcription heretofore lawfully uſed, had, or accuſtomed, although the ſame, or ſome, or any of them, or any heretofore, were not uſed or abuſed, or were or have been diſcontinued, or although the ſame, or ſome of them, or any of them, are or have been forfeited or loſt; Excepting all and all manner of Rents, Services, Sums of Money and Demands whatſoever, which to us, or any of our Progenitors or Anceſtors, or to any other Perſon, or to any other Perſons, for or in reſpect of the Premiſſes, or of any of them, or of any heretofore they have accuſtomed to render or pay, and now ought to render and pay. Wherefore we will, and by theſe Preſents for us, our Heirs, and Succeſſors, firmly enjoyning, do command and charge, that the aforeſaid Mayor and Citizens of the City aforeſaid, and their Succeſſors, may have, hold, uſe, and enjoy, and fully and wholly may and ſhall be for ever able to have, hold, uſe, and enjoy all Liberties, free Cuſtoms, Privileges, Authorities, Franchiſes, Immunities, Exemptions, Cuſtoms, Juriſdictions, and Acquittances aforeſaid, according to the Tenor of theſe our Letters Patents, without any Occaſion or Impediment of us, or of our Heirs or Succeſſors, or of any other of our Officers or Miniſters, or of our Heirs or Succeſſors whomſoever; Being unwilling that the ſame Mayor and Citizens of the City aforeſaid, or their Succeſſors, or any of them, or any by Reaſon of the Premiſſes, or of any of them, by us, our Heirs or Succeſſors, Juſtices, Sheriffs, Eſcheators, Admirals, Coroners, or others, our Bailiffs or Officers of our Heirs or Succeſſors whomſoever, be therefore occaſioned, moleſted, vexed, grieved, or in any wiſe troubled; Willing, and by theſe Preſents charging and commanding, as well the Treaſurer, Chancellour, and Barons of our Exchequer at *Weſtminſter*, and others our Juſtices and Officers, and of our Heirs and Succeſſors, as our Attorney General for the Time being, and every of them, and all others our Officers and Miniſters, and of our Heirs and Succeſſors whomſoever, that neither they, nor any of them, nor any whatſoever

The End of Queen E. Charter, dated at Weſtminſter, 15th Nov. in the firſt Year of her Reign, 1558.

Confirmation of King James the Firſt.

The End of the Charter of James the Firſt, dated at Weſtminſter the 11th of Sept. in the 5th Year of his Reign of England and France, and of Scotland, the 41ſt, 1606.

Confirmation of King Charles the firſt, &c.

Rents, &c. excepted.

Mayor and Citizens may hold, uſe, &c. their Liberties, &c.

Injunction, &c.

ſoever Writ, or Summons of *Quo Warranto*, or any whatſoever other Writ, Writs, or our Proceſſes againſt the aforeſaid Mayor and Citizens of the City aforeſaid, or their Succeſſors, or any one or more of them, for any Cauſes, Things, Matters, Offences, Claims, or Uſurpation, or for any of them, by them, or their Predeceſſors, or any of them, due, claimed, uſed, attempted, had, or uſurped, before the Day of the making of theſe Preſents, may proſecute or continue, or ſhall make or cauſe to be proſecuted or continued, or any of them ſhall make or cauſe; Willing alſo, that the Mayor and Citizens of the City aforeſaid, or their Succeſſors, by ſome or any Juſtices, Officers, or Miniſters aforeſaid, in or for due Uſe, Claim, or Abuſe of any other Liberties, Franchiſes, Privileges, Immunities, Exemptions, or Juriſdictions, within the City aforeſaid, Limits, or Precincts of the ſame, before the Day of the making of theſe our Letters Patents, be in no wiſe moleſted or hindered, or be compelled to yield to the ſame, or ſome or any of them. And whereas, by the humble Petition of the ſaid Mayor and Citizens of the City aforeſaid, we are informed, that ſome Defects, Ambiguities and Imperfections are found, and be in the Charters and Letters Patents aforeſaid; and that the Limits of the City aforeſaid by antient Names and Bounds, and now not certainly known, are expreſſed in the ſame Charters; ſome alſo in the ſame contained, not fully expreſſed, nor were granted with Words fit enough for the good and wholeſome Regimen, Government, and Profit of the ſame City; and thereupon they have moſt humbly beſought us, how far we would pleaſe to exhibit and extend our Royal Grace and Munificence to the ſaid Mayor and Citizens in the Premiſſes; We the Petition of the ſaid Mayor and Citizens graciouſly favouring; and being willing (as much as in us lies) that from henceforth for ever our Peace be kept, and that our People there reſiding, and others thither reſorting, by certain and undoubted Means whatſoever be ruled and governed, and that other Deeds of Juſtice be there without further Delay obſerved; of our ſpecial Grace, and of our certain Knowledge and meer Motion, we have willed, ordained, conſtituted, declared, and granted, and by theſe Preſents, for us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, do will, ordain, conſtitute, declare, and grant, that the aforeſaid City of *Rocheſter* in the ſaid County of *Kent*, from henceforth for ever be, and ſhall be a free City of itſelf; and that the Mayor and Citizens of the ſame City, by whatſoever Name, or by whatſoever Names they have heretofore been incorporated, and whether they have been heretofore incorporated or not, and their Succeſſors, from henceforth for ever be, and ſhall be, by the Vigour of theſe Preſents, one Body Corporate and Politick, in Thing, Deed, and Name, by the Name of the Mayor and Citizens of the City of *Rocheſter* in the County of *Kent*, and the ſame by the Name of Mayor and Citizens of the City of *Rocheſter* in the County of *Kent*, one Body Corporate and Politick, in Thing, Deed, and Name, really and to the full, for us, our Heirs and Succeſſors; we do erect, make, ordain, conſtitute, confirm, and declare by theſe Preſents; And that by the ſame Name they may have perpetual Succeſſion; And that they by the Name of the Mayor and Citizens of the City of *Rocheſter* in the County of *Kent*, be, and ſhall be to Perpetuity, for Times to come, Perſons fit and capable in the Law, to have, purchaſe, receive, and poſſeſs Lands, Tenements, Privileges, Juriſdictions, Franchiſes, and Hereditaments, of whatſoever Kind, Nature, or Quality they ſhall be, to them and their Succeſſors in Fee and Perpetuity; And alſo Goods and Chattles, and other Things whatſoever, of whatſoever Kind, Nature or Quality they ſhall be; Alſo to give, grant, lett, and aſſign Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, Goods, and Chattles, and all other Deeds and Things, to be done and executed by the Name aforeſaid; And that by the ſame Name of the Mayor and Citizens of the City of *Rocheſter* in the County of *Kent*, they ſhall and may be able to plead and to be impleaded, to anſwer and to be anſwered, to defend and to be defended, in whatſoever Courts, Places, and Seats, and before what Judges ſoever, and Juſtices, and other Perſons, and our Officers, and of our Heirs and Succeſſors, in all Suits, Plaints, Pleas, Cauſes, Things, Matters, and

Recitation of the Petition of the Mayor and Citizens, &c.

Conſideration of the Mayor and Citizens Petition, &c.

City of Rocheſter in the County of Kent, a free City of itſelf, &c.

Mayor and Citizens are one Body Corporate, &c.

Perpetual Succeſſion.

By the Name of the Mayor and Citizens of the City of Rocheſter, in the County of Kent, to purchaſe Lands, &c.

Goods and Chattles.

To give, grant, lett, and aſſign Lands, &c.

By the Name of the Mayor and Citizens of the City of Rocheſter, in the County of Kent, to plead, and to be impleaded, anſwer, and to be anſwered, defend, fend to be defended, &c.

and Demands whatſoever, real, perſonal, or mixt, of what Kind, Nature, or Quality ſoever they be, in the ſame Manner and Form as our other Leiges of this our Kingdom of *England*, Perſons able and capable in the Law, ſhall and may be able to plead and be impleaded, to anſwer and be anſwered, defend and be defended, and to have and purchaſe, retain, poſſeſs, give, grant, and demiſe: And that the Mayor and Citizens of the City aforeſaid, and their Succeſſors, may for ever have a Common Seal to ſerve for the doing of their Cauſes and Buſineſſes, and of their Succeſſors whatſoever: And that it ſhall and may be lawful for the ſame Mayor and Citizens of the City aforeſaid, for the Time being, and their Succeſſors, the ſame Seal at their Pleaſure from time to time to break, change, and new make, as it ſhall ſeem better unto them to be done. And further, of our moſt bountiful and ſpecial Grace, and of our certain Knowledge and meer Motion, we do grant to the aforeſaid Mayor and Citizens of the City of *Rocheſter*, and their Succeſſors, and alſo for our Heirs and Succeſſors, we do conſtitute and ordain, that the aforeſaid City of *Rocheſter*, and the Circuit, Precincts, and the Juriſdiction thereof by Land and Water, from henceforth be, and do extend and ſtretch out themſelves, and ſhall and may be able to extend and ſtretch themſelves forth from the ſaid City by Land unto a certain Hoſpital commoly called Saint *Bartholomew's*, and a Wharfe of the ſaid Hoſpital, over againſt the Water of *Medeway*, in circuit; that is to ſay, unto *Kinges-forowe* and *Shereaker* and *Lancelane* unto *Horſted-ſtreete*, otherwiſe *Horſted-Farme*, from thence in Circuit by the Lane, which lies between the Land or Place where the Meſſuage heretofore of *Gilbert Striche* and *William Horſted* was built unto a certain Stone called *a Mark Stone*, ſtanding in the King's Highway, leading from *Rocheſter* aforeſaid unto *Maidſtone*, heretofore called by the Name of *Kenelingeſcrowch*, otherwiſe *Powleſcroſſe*, and from thence *uſque montem Molendini*, called in *Engliſh Millhill*, nigh to *Naſhinden*, and from thence in Circuit unto a certain Stone ſtanding oppoſite to the King's Highway leading to *Wouldham*, near the Farm called *Ringes*, and from the ſaid Stone into the Water of *Medeway* there; and alſo, from the City aforeſaid unto a certain Croſs built or placed in *Littleborowe* in *via compitali*, in *Engliſh*, a Croſs-way, in the Town of *Stroode*, leading from *Rocheſter* aforeſaid, unto *Graveſend*, and from *Cuxton* unto *Frindſbury*, ſo in circuit about *Littlebury* aforeſaid, unto the aforeſaid City *Rocheſter*, and alſo by the Water of *Medeway* aforeſaid; that is to ſay, from *Shirenaſſe* unto *Hawkwood*, as in the before recited Letters Patents is expreſſed; and as there heretofore they were uſed and accuſtomed. And further, we will, and by theſe Preſents, for us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, we do grant to the aforeſaid Mayor and Citizens, and their Succeſſors, that they and their Succeſſors, from henceforth for ever, may have and exerciſe, and ſhall and may be able to have and exerciſe all the aforeſaid Liberties, Privileges, Immunities, Franchiſes, Exemptions, and Juriſdictions of the City aforeſaid, as well by Land as by Water, in all and ſingular Places within the Meets and Bounds aforeſaid, and in all and ſingular the aforeſaid Places, mentioned to be within the aforeſaid Liberty, Limits and Precincts of the City aforeſaid. And further, we will, and by theſe Preſents, for us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, we do grant to the aforeſaid Mayor and Citizens of the City aforeſaid, and their Succeſſors, that from henceforth for ever there be, and ſhall be, within the City aforeſaid, one of the more honeſt and diſcreet Citizens of the City aforeſaid, in Form undermentioned in theſe Preſents, to be elected, who ſhall be, and ſhall be named Mayor of the City aforeſaid; And that likewiſe there be, and ſhall be, within the City aforeſaid, eleven honeſt and diſcreet Citizens of the ſaid City in Form alſo undermentioned, to be elected, who ſhall be, and ſhall be called Aldermen of the City aforeſaid: And that likewiſe there be, and ſhall be, in the City aforeſaid, twelve other honeſt and diſcreet Citizens of the City aforeſaid, in Manner beneath expreſſed, to be elected, who be, and ſhall be called Aſſiſtants of the ſame City. We will alſo, and by theſe Preſents, for us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, we do grant to the aforeſaid

Mayor and Citizens may have a Common Seal, &c.

To break or alter the Common Seal, &c.

Bounds of the City by Land, and by Water, &c.

Mayor and Citizens may have and exerciſe all Liberties, Privileges, Immunities, &c.

To be one Mayor and eleven Aldermen in the City, &c.

Eleven Aldermen.

Twelve Aſſiſtants.

The Mayor, Aldermen, and Aſſiſtants, to be called the Common Council of the City, &c.

ſaid Mayor and Citizens of the City aforeſaid, and to their Succeſſors, that the Aldermen and Aſſiſtants of the City aforeſaid, and their Succeſſors, for the Time being, may be, ſhall be, and ſhall be called the Common Council of the City aforeſaid, and that they ſhall be from time to time Aſſiſtants, and aiding to the Mayor of the City aforeſaid, for the Time being, in all Cauſes, Things, and Matters, touching, or any wiſe concerning the City aforeſaid. And further, we will, and by theſe Preſents, for us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, we do grant to the aforeſaid Mayor and Citizens of the City aforeſaid, and their Succeſſors, that the Mayor and Common Council of the City, for the Time being, or the major Part of them (of whom we will the Mayor for the Time being to be one) to this Purpoſe being met in the Guild-Hall of the City aforeſaid, or in ſome other convenient Place within the City aforeſaid, or Precincts thereof, may have, and ſhall have full Power and Authority of compoſing, conſtituting, ordaining, making, and eſtabliſhing, from time to time, ſuch reaſonable Laws, Statutes and Ordinances whatſoever, which to them ſhall ſeem to be good, wholeſome, profitable, honeſt and neceſſary, according to their ſound Directions, for the good Ruling and Government of the Citizens, Merchants, Artificers and Inhabitants of the City aforeſaid, for the Time being, and for the Declaration in what Manner and Order the ſaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Aſſiſtants, and all and ſingular the Citizens, Merchants, Artificers, Inhabitants, and Reſidents of the ſame City, in their Offices, Myſteries and Buſineſſes, within the City aforeſaid, Limits and Precincts thereof, ſhall have behaved and uſed themſelves, and otherwiſe, or otherwiſe for the further Good and publick Profit of that City, and for the victualling of the ſame; and alſo for the better Preſervation, Government, Diſpoſition, placing and demiſing of Lands, Tenements, Poſſeſſions, Revenues, Profits, and Hereditaments to the aforeſaid Mayor and Citizens, or to their Predeceſſors heretofore given, granted, aſſigned, or confirmed, or to them and their Succeſſors hereafter to be given, granted, or aſſigned, and other Matters and Cauſes whatſoever, the City aforeſaid, or the State, Right, or Intereſt of the ſame City, touching, or in any wiſe concerning: And that the ſaid Mayor and Common Council of the City aforeſaid, for the Time being, or the major Part of them (of whom we will the Mayor to be one) as often ſoever as they ſhall compoſe, make, ordain, or eſtabliſh ſuch Laws, Statutes, and Ordinances, in Form aforeſaid, may impoſe and aſſeſs ſuch reaſonable Pains, Penalties, and Puniſhments, by Impriſonment of Body, or by Fines and Amerciaments, or either of them, towards, and upon all Delinquents againſt ſuch Laws, Statutes, and Ordinances, or ſome or any of them, as, and which to the ſaid Mayor and Common Council for the Time being, or the major Part of them, as aforeſaid, ſhall ſeem to be reaſonable and requiſite: And that the Mayor and Citizens of the City aforeſaid, for the Time being, by their Officers or Miniſters, ſhall and may be able to levy and have the ſame Fines and Amerciaments, to the Behoof and Uſe of the Mayor and Citizens of the City aforeſaid for the Time being, and their Succeſſors, without the Impediment of us, our Heirs or Succeſſors, whomſoever; All and ſingular which Laws, Statutes, and Ordinances as aforeſaid to be made, we will to be obſerved under the Pains in the ſame to be contained, ſo notwithſtanding that ſuch Laws, Statutes, Ordinances, Impriſonments, Fines, and Amerciaments, be not repugnant, or contrary to the Laws, Statutes, Cuſtoms, or Rights of our Kingdom of *England*; And for the better Execution of our Grants aforeſaid, in this Behalf, we have aſſigned, named, conſtituted, and made, and by theſe Preſents for us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, do aſſign, nominate, conſtitute, and make our beloved *Anthony Allen*, to be now Mayor of the City aforeſaid, and to be the firſt and modern Mayor of the aforeſaid City, willing that the ſaid *Anthony Allen* ſhall be, and ſhall continue in the Office of Mayor of the ſame City, from the making of theſe Preſents, until *Monday* next after the Feaſt of Saint *Michael* the Archangel now next following, in and from the ſame Day, until one other of the Aldermen of the City aforeſaid for the Time

Mayor and Common Council have Power of making Laws, &c. for the Government of the City, &c.

Confirmation of the Laws, Statutes, Ordinances, &c. made by the Common Council of the City, &c.

To be levied by the Officers or Miniſters of the Mayor, &c.

Laws and Statutes to be made by the Mayor, &c. to be obſerv'd, &c

The Laws not to be contrary to the Laws of England, &c.

Anthony Allen, the firſt and modern Mayor of the City, &c.

being to the ſame Office is preferred, and ſhall be ſworn according to the Ordinances and Conſtitutions expreſſed in theſe Preſents and declared, if the ſame *Anthony Allen* ſhall ſo long live. Alſo we have aſſigned, named, conſtituted, and made, and by theſe Preſents, we do for us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, aſſign, name, conſtitute, and make our beloved *George Wilſon*, *Thomas Fannce* the Elder, *Robert Soane*, *John Duffel*, *John Cobham* the Elder, *John Dulinge*, *John May*, *John Code*, *Thomas Auſten*, *Phillip Ward*, and *William Criſpe*, now to be called or reputed Aldermen of the ſaid City aforeſaid, and to be the firſt and modern Aldermen of the City aforeſaid; And that the aforeſaid *Anthony Allen*, after his Departure from the Office of Mayoralty aforeſaid, ſhall be one of the aforeſaid Eleven Aldermen, in the Place of him who ſhall then be elected into the Office of Mayor, all the aforeſaid Aldermen to continue in the Office aforeſaid reſpectively during their natural Lives, except in the mean Time for ſome reaſonable Cauſe ſome of them ſhall be amoved, or any of them ſhall be amoved by the Mayor and major Part of the Aldermen and Aſſiſtants of the City aforeſaid for the Time being. Alſo we have aſſigned, named, conſtituted, and made, and by theſe Preſents, for us and our Heirs, we do aſſign, nominate, conſtitute, and make our beloved *Thomas Ivett*, *John Rockewell*, *Jacob Robinſon*, *John Puckle*, *Thomas May*, *Edward Mapſtone*, *Richard Head*, *Oliver Holliman*, *Thomas Fannce* the Younger, *George Robinſon*, *Francis Mericke*, and *Nathaniel Buſher*, Citizens of the City aforeſaid, to be and ſhall be the firſt and modern Aſſiſtants of the City aforeſaid, to continue in their Office aforeſaid reſpectively during their natural Lives, unleſs any of them ſhall be amoved, or ſome of them ſhall be amoved by the Mayor and the major Part of the Aldermen, and of the reſt of the Aſſiſtants of the City aforeſaid for the Time being. And further we will, and by theſe Preſents for us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, we do grant to the aforeſaid Mayor and Citizens of the City aforeſaid, and their Succeſſors, that they from Time to Time, for all Times perpetually to come, may have and ſhall have Power and Authority yearly, and every Year, on *Monday* next before the Feaſt of Saint *Matthew* the Apoſtle, to aſſemble in the *Guild-Hall* of the City aforeſaid, or in ſome other convenient Place within the ſame City, according to their Diſcretions to be limited, and on the ſame *Monday* to name and elect one of the Aldermen of the City aforeſaid, although he ſhall be a Victualler or Inn-keeper, to become and to be Mayor of the City aforeſaid, notwithſtanding any Statute to the contrary; which ſaid Mayor ſo from Time to Time to be named and elected, having taken his corporal Oath on *Monday* next after the Feaſt of Saint *Michael* the Archangel, before the laſt Mayor his Predeceſſor, the Office of Mayor of the ſame City for the Time being, for one whole Year from thence next following (if he ſhall ſo long live) we will to have, hold, and exerciſe, and further until one other of the Aldermen of the City aforeſaid in due Manner and Form ſhall be preferred and ſworn to the Mayor of the ſame City. And if it ſhall happen the ſaid now Mayor of the City aforeſaid, or any other Mayor of the ſaid City for the Time being, at any Time hereafter, within one Year after that he ſhall be elected to the Office of the Mayor of the City aforeſaid, to die, or to be amoved, or to depart from his Office (which ſaid Mayor for a juſt and reaſonable Cauſe, at the good Pleaſure of the Aldermen and Aſſiſtants of the City aforeſaid for the Time being, or the major Part of them, we will by them to be amoved) that then and ſo often it ſhall and may be lawful for the Citizens of the City aforeſaid for the Time being, within ſome convenient Time then next following the Death, Amotion or Departure of the ſame Mayor, to aſſemble themſelves, and to elect to name one of the Aldermen of the City aforeſaid to be Mayor, and for Mayor of the City aforeſaid, in the Place of the ſame Mayor ſo dead, or from his Office amoved or departed, and that he into the Office of Mayoralty ſo elected and preferred, having firſt taken his corporal Oath before two or more of the Aldermen of the City aforeſaid for the Time being, to execute that Office well and faithfully,

Names of the Aldermen, &c.

Names of the Aſſiſtants, &c.

Day of Election of Mayor, &c.

Day of ſwearing the Mayor, &c.

The Mayor to be amoved by the Aldermen and Aſſiſtants, &c. for a juſt and reaſonable Cauſe, &c.

To elect a new Mayor in the Stead of the Mayor removed, &c.

fully, the ſame Office may have and exerciſe, during the Reſidue of the ſame Year, and from thence until one other to that Office in Form aforeſaid, in due Manner, ſhall be elected, preferred, and ſworn, and ſo as often as the Caſe ſhall ſo happen. And whenſoever it ſhall happen ſome or any of the Aldermen of the City aforeſaid for the Time being, to die, or from his Office or their Offices to be amoved or to depart, which ſaid Aldermen, and every of them, or any one for any reaſonable Cauſe, at the Diſcretion of the Mayor, and the Reſt of the Aldermen and Aſſiſtants of the City aforeſaid, for the Time being, or the major Part of them (of which the Mayor ſhall always be one) we will to move and to be amoved, that then and ſo often it may be well lawful, and ſhall be lawful for the aforeſaid Mayor, and the reſt of the Aldermen and Aſſiſtants of the City aforeſaid, for the Time being, or the major Part of them (of which the Mayor as aforeſaid we will to be one) within convenient Time after the Death of ſuch Alderman or Aldermen, or from that Office reſpectively amoved or departed, one other or more others to be Alderman or Aldermen of the City aforeſaid, of the Aſſiſtants of the City aforeſaid for the Time being, to nominate, to elect, and to prefer, to ſupply the aforeſaid Number of eleven Aldermen of the City aforeſaid; And whenſoever it ſhall happen ſome or any of the Aſſiſtants of the City aforeſaid for the Time being, to die, or to be amoved, or to depart from his Office or their Offices, which ſaid Aſſiſtants, and every or any of them for any reaſonable Cauſe, we will to amove and to be amoved at the Diſcretion of the Mayor, Aldermen, and of the reſt of the Aſſiſtants of the City aforeſaid, or of the major Part of them (of whom we will the Mayor to be one) that then and ſo often it may well be lawful, and ſhall be lawful for the aforeſaid Mayor, Aldermen, and the other Aſſiſtants of the City aforeſaid for the Time being, or the major Part of them, (of whom the Mayor as is aforeſaid, we will to be one) within convenient Time after the Death of ſuch Aſſiſtant or Aſſiſtants, or from the Amoving or Departure from the Office of Aſſiſtant reſpectively, one other or more others, to be Aſſiſtant or Aſſiſtants of the City aforeſaid, of the Citizens of the City aforeſaid for the Time being, to nominate, to elect, and to prefer, to ſupply the aforeſaid Number of the twelve Aſſiſtants of the City aforeſaid. And we will, and by theſe Preſents for us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, do conſtitute and ordain, that the aforeſaid *Anthony Allen* abovementioned in theſe Preſents to be Mayor of the City aforeſaid, ſhall take his corporal Oath upon the holy Goſpel of God, before two or more of the Aldermen of the City aforeſaid for the Time being, to execute that Office well and faithfully; To which two Aldermen, or more of the ſaid Aldermen, we do truly grant full Power by theſe Preſents, of giving and adminiſtring ſuch an Oath as is aforeſaid, to the aforeſaid *Anthony Allen*, without any other Commiſſion in this Behalf to be procured; and that as well the aforeſaid Perſons above in theſe Preſents nominated to be the firſt and modern Aldermen and Aſſiſtants of the City aforeſaid, and the aforeſaid *Anthony Allen* after his Departure from the Office of Mayor aforeſaid, and alſo all others in that Office from time to time hereafter for ever to ſucceed, ſhall take, and every one of them ſhall take their corporal Oath upon the Holy Goſpel of God before the Mayor of the City aforeſaid for the Time being, to execute their Offices reſpectively well and faithfully in all Things, and through all Things, touching or concerning their Offices. And that all and ſingular Mayors of the ſame City hereafter to come, or into the Office of Mayoralty of the City aforeſaid to be elected, ſhall take their corporal Oath upon the Holy Goſpel of God, before the laſt Mayor, his Predeceſſor for the Time being, to execute the Office of Mayor of the ſame City well and faithfully. And that therefore for us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, we do give and grant to the Mayor of the City aforeſaid for the Time being, full Power and Authority of adminiſtring from time to time the aforeſaid Oath, without any other Warrant or Commiſſion to be procured or obtained from us, our Heirs or Succeſſors; Nevertheleſs, in caſe of Death, Amoving or Departure

Election of Aldermen.
Aldermen to be amoved.
Election of Aſſiſtants, &c.
Aſſiſtants to be amoved.
Mayor to take his Oath before two or more of the Aldermen to execute the Office of Mayoralty, &c
Two or more Aldermen have Power of adminiſtring the Oath to the ſaid Anthony Allen, &c.
Mayor, Aldermen, and Aſſiſtants to take their Oaths, &c.
All Mayors to take their Oath, &c.
The Mayor to have Power, &c. of adminiſtring the Oath, &c.

In Caſe of Death, amoving, &c. of the Mayor, two or more Aldermen have Power of adminiſtring the Oath to every Mayor, in the Place of him dead, amoved, &c.

ture of the Mayor of the City aforeſaid for the Time being, within the Year wherein they ought to exerciſe the Office of Mayor of the ſame City, we do give and grant for us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, full Power and Authority to two or more Aldermen of the City aforeſaid for the Time being, o adminiſtring a corporal Oath upon the Holy Goſpel of God, to every Mayor in the Place of him ſo dead, amoved, or departed, from time to time to be elected, to execute that Office well and faithfully, without any other Commiſſion or Warrant to be procured or obtained from us, our Heirs or Succeſſors.

To have a Recorder, &c.

And further we will, and by theſe Preſents, for us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, we do grant to the aforeſaid Mayor and Citizens of the City aforeſaid, and their Succeſſors, that they and their Succeſſors, from henceforth for ever, may have, and ſhall have, within the City aforeſaid, one diſcreet Man, learned in the Laws of *England*, who ſhall be, and ſhall be named, Recorder of the City aforeſaid: And we have aſſigned, nominated, created, conſtituted, and made, and by theſe Preſents, for us, and our Heirs and Succeſſors, we do aſſign, nominate, create, conſtitute, and make, our beloved *Henry Clarke*, Eſq; learned in the Laws of *England*, now Recorder of the City aforeſaid, or ſo named, or reputed to be, and ſhall be the firſt and modern Recorder of the City aforeſaid, to continue in the ſame Office during his natural Life, to be exerciſed by himſelf, or by his ſufficient Deputy learned in the Laws of *England*: And that from Time to Time, and at all Times, after the Death of the ſaid *Henry Clarke*, the Mayor and Aldermen of the City aforeſaid for the Time being, or the major Part of them, (of whom we will the Mayor to be one) at the good Pleaſure and Will of the ſaid Mayor and Aldermen of the City aforeſaid for the Time being, or of the major Part of them, (of whom the Mayor of the City aforeſaid for the Time being we will to be one) may, and ſhall be able to elect, nominate, and to prefer one other Man, diſcreet and learned in the Laws of *England*, from Time to Time, to be Recorder of the City aforeſaid: And that he who ſo as is preferred to be Recorder of the City aforeſaid, after the Death of the aforeſaid *Henry Clarke*, or after the aforeſaid *Henry Clarke* ſhall, of his own Accord, leave the ſaid Office of Recorder, may, and ſhall be able to have, to enjoy, and to exerciſe that Office of Recorder of the City aforeſaid, during the good Pleaſure of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City aforeſaid for the Time being, or of the major Part of them (of whom the Mayor of the City aforeſaid for the Time being we will to be one) ſhall firſt take corporal Oath before the Mayor of the City aforeſaid for the Time being, to execute that Office well and faithfully; To which ſaid Mayor truly of the City aforeſaid for the Time being, we do give and grant, by theſe Preſents, full Power and Authority, for us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, of adminiſtring ſuch an Oath, as aforeſaid, to every Recorder of the City aforeſaid, in Form aforeſaid, hereafter to be elected, without any other Commiſſion, or Warrant, to be procured or obtained in that Behalf, from us, our Heirs or Succeſſors. And further, we will, and by theſe Preſents, for us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, we do grant and confirm, to the aforeſaid Mayor and Citizens of the City aforeſaid, and their Succeſſors, that the Mayor of the City aforeſaid for the Time being, and two Aldermen of the ſame City, by the Mayor for the Time being from Time to Time to be nominated and appointed, or ſome two or more of them, before the ſame Mayor, and two or more of the ſame Aldermen in our Court of *Portmote* of the City aforeſaid, from fifteen Days to fifteen Days, to hold all Pleas, really, perſonal, and mixt, within the City, Liberty, and Precincts aforeſaid, heretofore ariſen, and hereafter to ariſe, by Bills and Plaints, in the ſame Court, to be levied and affirmed, and the Perſons whomſoever againſt whom ſuch Bills and Plaints in the ſaid Court it ſhall happen to be proſecuted, or amoved, by their Miniſters, to be ſummoned by their Lands, Goods, and Chattles, to be attached and diſtrained; and, as the Caſe ſhall require, by their Bodies, and Goods, and Chattles, within the City, Liberty, and Precincts aforeſaid, by a due Proceſs of Law, to be arreſted and attached, and to cauſe the Bodies to be committed to Priſon, and all ſuch Pleas to hear and determine, and to render Judgment thereupon, and Executions thereupon,

Henry Clarke, Eſq; firſt Recorder, &c.

Mayor and Aldermen to chuſe a Recorder, &c.

Recorder to take his Oath, &c. when choſen, &c.

Mayor has Power, &c. of adminiſtring the Oath to the new choſen Recorder, &c.

Court of Pleas from fifteen Days to fifteen Days, to be held by the Mayor and two Aldermen, &c.

upon, they ſhall, and may be able, to cauſe to be done, by their Miniſters for ever. And further, we will, and by theſe Preſents, for us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, we do grant to the aforeſaid Mayor, and Citizens of the City aforeſaid, and their Succeſſors, that the Mayor and Recorder of the City aforeſaid for the Time being, and the moſt antient Alderman of the ſaid City for the Time being, and every Perſon who doth exerciſe, or hereafter ſhall exerciſe the Office of Mayoralty of the City aforeſaid, that is to ſay, every Predeceſſor of every Mayor of the City aforeſaid, for the Time being, during one whole Year, after he ſhall depart from the Office of his Mayoralty, from henceforth for ever, jointly and ſeparately, be, and ſhall be Juſtices, and Keepers of our Peace, and of our Heirs and Succeſſors, and may have, and ſhall have, Power and Authority to our Peace, and of our Heirs and Succeſſors; And alſo to the Statutes and Ordinances at *Wincheſter*, *Northampton*, and *Weſtminſter*, for the Conſervation of the ſame Peace, and to the Statutes and Ordinances there, and at *Cambridge*, concerning Hunters, Workmen, Artificers, Servants, Hoſtlers, Beggars, and Vagabonds, and all other Begging men, who call themſelves Travelling-men; and likewiſe to the Statutes and Ordinances at *Weſtminſter* in the Years of the Reign of *Henry* the Fourth, late of Fact, and not of Right, King of *England*, the firſt and ſecond concerning Liveries of Signs, Fellowſhips, Knights, Eſquires, or Valets, and other Liveries of Cloth, overmuch given, neither the ſame Liveries in any wiſe uſed; And alſo to a certain Statute made againſt *Lollards* in the Parliament of *Henry* the Fifth, late of Fact, and not of Right, King of *England*, at *Leiceſter*: And alſo to another certain Statute likewiſe, made in the Parliament of the ſaid *Henry* the Fifth, held at *Weſtminſter*, concerning counterfeiting, clipping, waſhing, and other Falſity of the Money of our Land; and alſo to all other Ordinances and Statutes, made and to be made, for the Good of our Peace, and of our Heirs and Succeſſors, and in the quiet Rule and Governing of our People, and of our Heirs and Succeſſors, in all and ſingular their Articles, within the City, Liberty, and Precincts aforeſaid, according to the Force, Form, and Effect of the ſame, to keep, and cauſe to be kept, and to chaſtiſe and puniſh all thoſe whom they ſhall find delinquent, againſt the Form of the Ordinances and Statutes aforeſaid, or of any of them, even as according to the Form of the Ordinances, and of the ſame Statutes, it ſhall be, to be done, and to cauſe all thoſe who ſhall threaten ſome or any of our People, or of our Heirs and Succeſſors, concerning their Bodies, or of burning of their Houſes, to come before them, to find ſufficient Security of the Peace, or of their good Behaviour, towards us, and our People, and of our Heirs and Succeſſors; and if they ſhall refuſe to find ſuch Security, then to cauſe them to be kept in Safety in our Priſon, and of our Heirs and Succeſſors, of the City aforeſaid, until they ſhall find ſuch Security. And further, that they, from henceforth for ever, be our Juſtices, and of our Heirs and Succeſſors: And that they, or two or three of them, of whom the Mayor, or Recorder of the City aforeſaid, for the Time being, we will to be one, may have, and ſhall have, full Power and Authority to enquire, by the Oath of honeſt and lawful Men, of the City, Liberty, and Precincts aforeſaid, by whom the Truth of the Matter may be the better known, of all Manner of Murders, Manſlaughters, Felonies, Poiſonings, Inchantments, Witchcrafts, magick Art, Treſpaſſes, Foreſtallers, Regrators, Ingroſſers, and Extortions, within the City, Liberty, and Precincts aforeſaid, by whomſoever, or howſoever done, or committed, and which, from henceforth, ſhall there happen to be done; and alſo of all and ſingular other Things within the City, Liberty, and Precincts aforeſaid, howſoever done, attempted, or committed, and which, from henceforth, there ſhall happen to be done, attempted, or committed, whereof it ought, and is wont, and ſhall be ought, by the Keepers of our Peace, and of our Heirs and Succeſſors, of our Juſtices, and of our Heirs and Succeſſors, aſſigned, and to be aſſigned, to inquire of ſuch Murders, Manſlaughters, Felonies, Offences, Treſpaſſes, and Evil-deeds, in any County of our Kingdom

The Mayor, Recorder, eldeſt Alderman, and the laſt Mayor, to be Juſtices of the Peace, &c. of the City, &c.

Juſtices Power, &c.

Power of the Juſtices to enquire, &c. of whom the Mayor, or Recorder, to be one, &c.

of *England*, by Virtue of the Ordinances and Statutes aforeſaid, heretofore made, and from henceforth to be made, according to the Force and Effect of our Letters Patents, and of our Heirs and Succeſſors, to them thereof made, and to be made, and to all and ſingular the Premiſſes, and other Things whatſoever, within the City, Liberty, and Precincts aforeſaid, done, attempted, or committed, and from henceforth to be done, attempted, or committed; which, by ſuch the Keepers of our Peace, and of our Heirs and Succeſſors, and of our Juſtices, and of our Heirs and Succeſſors, aſſigned, and to be aſſigned, to hear and determine ſuch Felonies, Treſpaſſes, and Evil-deeds, in any County, by virtue of the Ordinances and Statutes aforeſaid, and of the Letters Patents aforeſaid, ought, and are wont, and ſhall be ought to be diſcuſſed, and terminated, by the ſame Mayor, Recorder, the moſt antient Alderman, and the laſt Mayor's Predeceſſor, or two or three of them (of whom, we will, the Mayor, or Recorder, for the Time being, to be one) to hear and determine, according to the Law and Cuſtom of our Kingdom of *England*, and the Form of the Ordinances and Statutes aforeſaid: And that the Mayor and Recorder of the City aforeſaid, and the moſt antient Alderman of the City aforeſaid for the Time being, and every laſt Predeceſſor of every Mayor for the City aforeſaid for the Time being, during one Year after that he ſhall depart from the Office of Mayoralty, or any two or three of them, of whom the Mayor or Recorder of the City aforeſaid, for the Time being, we will to be one, from Time to Time, hereafter be, and ſhall be, our Juſtices, and of our Heirs and Succeſſors, to the Goal Delivery of the City aforeſaid, of Priſoners therein, being from Time to Time, according to the Laws and Cuſtoms, and Statutes of our Kingdom of *England*; So that all Writs, Precepts, and other Warrants for the Premiſſes, and every of the Premiſſes to be made, be directed to the Miniſters of the aforeſaid Mayor, and by the ſame Miniſters be executed, without any Writ or Warrant to the Sheriff or Coroners of *Kent* to be thereof in any wiſe directed; So alſo that the Keepers of our Peace, and of our Heirs and Succeſſors, and our Juſtices, and of our Heirs and Succeſſors, aſſigned, and to be aſſigned, to hear and determine ſuch Murders, Manſlaughters, Felonies, Treſpaſſes, and Evil-deeds, in the County of *Kent*, done or committed, or to be done or committed, may not enter, nor any of them may enter, nor thereupon in any thing may intermeddle, nor any of them in any wiſe may intermeddle, within the City and Precincts aforeſaid, to do any thing which belongs to ſuch a Keeper or Juſtice of Peace to be done. We will notwithſtanding, and our Intention is, and by theſe Preſents for us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, we do conſtitute and ordain, That the aforeſaid *Anthony Allen*, now Mayor of the City aforeſaid, before he may be admitted to the Execution of the Office of Mayor, or of a Juſtice of Peace within the City aforeſaid, Limits and Precincts thereof, ſhall take his Corporal Oath, upon the Holy Goſpel of God, to execute the Office of Mayor, and of a Juſtice of Peace, within the City aforeſaid, the Limit and Precincts thereof, well and faithfully, and alſo that the Oath in that behalf by the Laws and Statutes of this our Kingdom of *England* provided, requiſite to be taken from the Juſtices of the Peace, before Two or more of the Aldermen of the City aforeſaid: To whom truly Aldermen, or Two or more of them, we do give and grant full Power and Authority by theſe Preſents, of giving and adminiſtering ſuch an Oath as is aforeſaid to the ſaid *Anthony Allen*, without any Commiſſion or further Warrant in that behalf to be procured or obtained: And alſo, That as well the aforeſaid *Henry Clarke* abovementioned in theſe Preſents to be Recorder of the City aforeſaid, as alſo all other Recorders of the City aforeſaid for the Time being hereafter to come, before they may be admitted to the Execution of the Office of a Juſtice of the Peace within the City aforeſaid, or any of them may be admitted, ſhall take, and every of them ſhall take, his and their Corporal Oath, upon the Holy Goſpel of God, well and faithfully to execute the Office of a Juſtice of the Peace within the City aforeſaid, Liberty and Precincts thereof, and alſo the Oath requiſite to be taken in that behalf by the Laws and Statutes of this our Kingdom of *England* provided

Mayor, Recorder, eldeſt Alderman, and the laſt Mayor, are Juſtices, &c.

All Writs, &c. to be directed to the Mayor's Miniſters, &c.

Juſtices, &c. of the County exempt, &c.

Anthony Allen to take the Oath of Mayoralty, &c.

Two Aldermen, or more, have Power of giving the Oath, &c.

Henry Clarke, Eſq; the Recorder, to take the Oath, &c.

vided for the Juſtices of the Peace, before the Mayor of the City aforeſaid for the Time being: To ſuch truly Mayor for the Time being, we do give and grant by theſe Preſents, for us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, full Power and Authority of giving and adminiſtering ſuch Oath as is aforeſaid to the ſaid Recorder, as well preſent as to come, for us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, and that without any Commiſſion, or any other Warrant in this behalf to be procured. And that all and ſingular Mayors of the City aforeſaid for the Time being, and hereafter to be, before they are admitted, or any of them be admitted to the Execution of the Office of Mayor, or of a Juſtice of the Peace within the City aforeſaid, ſhall take, and every of them ſhall take their corporal Oath, upon the Holy Goſpel of God, well and faithfully to execute the Office of Mayor, and of a Juſtice of the Peace within the City aforeſaid, the Liberty and Precincts thereof, and the Oath provided in that behalf by the Laws and Statutes of this our Kingdom of *England*, requiſite to be taken by the Juſtices of the Peace before the laſt Mayor of the Predeceſſor of every Mayor hereafter to be reſpectively, or Two or more of the Aldermen of the ſaid City for the Time being; To ſuch truly Mayor of the City aforeſaid for the Time being, or Two or more of the Aldermen of the ſame City for the Time being, we do give and grant by theſe Preſents, for us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, full Power and Authority of giving and adminiſtering ſuch Oath as aforeſaid to every Mayor of the City aforeſaid, to be named and elected by virtue and according to the true Intention of theſe Preſents, without any Commiſſion or further Warrant to be in any wiſe procured or obtained from us, our Heirs or Succeſſors. And further, we will, and of our more bountiful ſpecial Grace, and of our certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, we do grant to the aforeſaid Mayor and Citizens of the City aforeſaid, and to their Succeſſors, that the Nomination, Election, Amotion, and Swearing of all and ſingular other Officers and Miniſters of the City aforeſaid, from henceforth for ever, be and ſhall be done in ſuch and the ſame Manner and Form, as in the ſame City heretofore hath been uſed and accuſtomed: To that Intent, that there be expreſs Mention of the true yearly Value, or of the Certainty of the Premiſſes, or of any of them, or of other Gifts or Grants by us, or by any of our Progenitors, or of our Predeceſſors, to the aforeſaid Mayor and Citizens of the City aforeſaid, heretofore made, or in no wiſe made in theſe Preſents, either by any Statute, Act, Ordinance, Proviſion, Proclamation, or Reſtitution, heretofore had, made, declared, ordained, or provided, or any other Thing, Cauſe, or Matter whatſoever, to the contrary thereof in any wiſe notwithſtanding. In Witneſs whereof, we have cauſed theſe our Letters to be made Patents. Witneſs myſelf, at *Canbury*, the Seventh Day of *Auguſt*, in the Fifth Year of our Reign.

The Mayor for the Time being to adminiſter the Oath to the Recorder, &c.

All Mayors to take their Oaths, &c.

The Mayor, or Two Aldermen, or more, of the City, &c. have power of adminiſtering the Oath, &c.

The Nomination, Election, of all Officers, &c. to be in Form as before uſed, &c.

Expreſs Mention to be made of the true yearly Value, &c.

By Writ of the Privy Seal, WOLSELEY.

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The ſeveral Oaths of Juſtice of Peace, Mayor, Recorder, &c. of the City of *Rocheſter*.

The Oath of Juſtice of Peace.

YOU ſhall ſwear, that as Juſtice of Peace within this City of *Rocheſter*, you ſhall do equal Right to the Poor and to the Rich after your Cunning, Wit and Power, and after the Laws and Cuſtoms of this Realm and Statutes thereof made; And ye ſhall not be of Council of any Quarrel hanging before you; And that you ſhall hold your Seſſions after the Form of Statutes thereof made, or according to the uſual Cuſtom of holding Seſſions within this City. And the Iſſues, Fines, and Amerciaments, that ſhall happen to be made, and all Forfeitures which ſhall fall before you, you ſhall cauſe to be entered, without any Concealment, or Embezzelling. You ſhall not lett, for Gift or other Cauſe, but well and truly you ſhall do your Office of Juſtice of the Peace in that Behalf; And that you take nothing for your Office of Juſtice of the Peace, to be done, but of the King, and Fees accuſtomed, and Coſts limited by the Statute. And you ſhall not direct, or cauſe to be directed, any Warrant by you to be made, to the Parties themſelves, but you ſhall direct them to the Conſtables of this City, or other the King's Officers or Miniſters there, or to ſome other indifferent Perſons to do Execution thereof. So help you God.

The Oath for the Mayor.

YOU ſhall ſwear that you will bear true Faith and Heart to our Sovereign Lord King *George* the Second, and to his Heirs and Succeſſors. Alſo you ſhall truly and faithfully execute the Office of Mayor of this City for the Year enſuing, to the Worſhip of the ſaid City. You ſhall, to the utmoſt of your Power, duly and rightly keep and execute the King's Laws within the ſame City; you ſhall not for Love, Favour, or Hatred, be partial to any one more than to another, nor haſty in giving of your Judgment, but in doing the ſame, you ſhall be as rightful as as you can, or may, for both Parties evenly, as well for the Poor as the Rich, with the Advice of two or three of your Brethren, openly on the Court-Day, in Audience of all People. Alſo, you ſhall (to the utmoſt of your Power) keep and maintain all the Rights, Privileges, and Franchiſes of the ſaid City; ſo that through your Default, or Negligence, no Sheriff, Under-Sheriff, Sheriffs Bayliff, Eſcheator, Coroner, Admiral, Clerk of the Market, nor any other Officers, contrary to the Liberties and Franchiſes of this City contained in the Charters, old and new, to the Mayor and Citizens of the ſame City, made, granted, and confirmed, in any wiſe enter to arreſt any Man, or their Goods or Chattles, or impannel any Citizens in any foreign Inqueſt, in the Shire or County, at Seſſions, or other Place, to appear, or to take any Office within this City, or Franchiſe, or elſe to do, or execute, any Thing which belongeth to their Office, but that to your Power, you ſhall be at all Times ready to oppoſe them therein, in Preſervation of the Franchiſes and Liberties of this City. Alſo you ſhall, to your Power, duly keep all manner of Corrections within this City and Liberties thereof; that is to ſay, of Aſſaults, Affraies, Bloodſheds, Chiders, Brawlers, and other Diſturbers of the Peace, and of all other Offenders and Treſpaſſers. Alſo, you ſhall truly keep Correction upon all Victuallers within this City and Liberties thereof; that is to ſay, of all Bakers, in baking and weighing of their Bread; Brewers, in brewing and ſelling of their Ale and Beer; Butchers, in dreſſing and ſelling of their Fleſh; Cooks, in ſelling and dreſſing of their Meat; Oſtlers, Tanners, Huckſters, Regrators, Taverners, Alehouſe-keepers, Drapers, Grocers, Mercers, and Millers, and of all other Artificers

tificers and Victuallers within this City, and Liberties thereof, in correcting of all Meaſures and Weights, as oft as ſhall be fit and convenient, to the beſt of your Power. Alſo, you ſhall (as much as in you is) keep and maintain all Cuſtoms, Rules, and Ordinances of old Time uſed and accuſtomed, and ſuch as ſhall be made for the Welfare of this City, and entered in the Regiſter thereof, and ſee the ſame put in due Execution. Alſo, you ſhall, to your Power, aſſiſt (as well by your Advice and Counſel, as otherwiſe) the Conſtables, Boſholders, and all other Officers of this City, in the due Execution of their reſpective Offices. Alſo, you ſhall (as much as in you is) ſee that the Conſtables of this City keep all Watches and Wards of old Time accuſtomed and uſed, and that they do and perform all other Things relating to their Office. Alſo, you ſhall keep the King's Peace in your Perſon, and (as much as in you is) ſee that all the Inhabitants, Strangers and others, within this City and Liberties thereof, do the ſame, and, where the Peace is broken, that you do due Correction as belongeth thereto. Alſo, you ſhall duly and truly collect, and gather, or cauſe to be collected and gathered, all the Farm-rents of, or belonging to, this City, and payable by any Tenants, either of the Town-Ditch, or Caſtle-ditch, and all Amerciaments and Fines upon Law-days, and all other Duties and Things that are of Right belonging to the ſaid City, and to be gathered or levied there. You ſhall duly and truly do, and perform theſe, and all other Matters and Things belonging to the ſaid Office of Mayor of this City, according to the beſt of your Power, Skill, and Knowledge. So help you God.

The Oath of the Recorder.

YOU ſhall ſwear, that you ſhall true Faith and Heart bear to our Sovereign Lord the King's Majeſty, that now is; Alſo you ſhall be true and faithful unto this City of *Rocheſter*, and to the Mayor and Aldermen of the ſame City, and his and their Succeſſors, ſo long as you ſhall be Recorder of the ſaid City. You ſhall at all Times give the beſt Advice and Counſel you can, unto the Mayor and his Brethren, for the Preſervation and Maintenance of this City, and the Franchiſes and Liberties thereof. Alſo, you ſhall at all Times be ready to come to the Mayor, when he and his Brethren ſhall ſend for you, to adviſe concerning the Affairs of this City. Alſo, you ſhall be ready to bear Watch and Ward, Scott and Lott at all Times, as other Freemen do, or ſhould do, to the Profit and Worſhip of the ſaid City. You ſhall at all Times give the beſt Advice and Counſel you can, as well for the Safety and Preſervation of all the Grants, Liberties, Privileges, and Cuſtoms of this City, as for the Recovery of ſuch as are decayed or detained from the Citizens of the ſame City; and alſo for Reformation of all ſuch Matters and Things, as by the Mayor and his Brethren ſhall be thought fit to be redreſſed, reformed, and amended, without reſpect of any Friendſhip, Kindred, Favour, or Affection, or any private Man's Gain or Commodity, and without being ſilent whenſoever your Advice in Council is required, or needful, for the Good of the City, and Direction of all the Courts therein. Alſo, you ſhall faithfully, ſafely, and truly, keep all the Records of this City, that ſhall be delivered or come unto your Hands, and them return and redeliver to the ſaid Mayor and Citizens, at the Expiration or Reſignation of your Office of Recorder, or at any other Time when there ſhall be Occaſion or Uſe of the ſame. You ſhall be at all Times ready to aſſiſt your Neighbours inhabiting within this City, againſt Strangers that are evilly diſpoſed. You ſhall truly keep all theſe Points. So help you God.

The Oath of Alderman.

YOU ſhall ſwear that you ſhall true Faith and Heart bear unto our Sovereign Lord the King's Majeſty, that now is, and to his Heirs and Succeſſors, and alſo to the Mayor of this City, and to the Aldermen his Brethren; And that you ſhall, with all your Heart, and to the beſt of your Power and Ability, give your Counſel and Advice to the Mayor of this City for the Time being, in all Matters relating to the Profit and Worſhip of this City. You ſhall

not know or underſtand any thing that may be prejudicial or hurtful, or any Diſworſhip unto this City, or to the Mayor or any of his Brethren, or to any of the Commonalty of the ſaid City, but you ſhall, as ſoon as conveniently you can, give the Mayor and ſome of his Brethren Notice thereof: Alſo, you ſhall, at all times, both early and late, be attendant upon the Mayor of this City, for the Time being, in all things relating to the Good of this City, or the Government thereof, wherein the Mayor ſhall deſire your Advice and Aſſiſtance: Alſo, you ſhall, at all times, be ready to bear Watch and Ward, Scott and Lott, as hath been accuſtomed within this City, to the Profit and Worſhip of the ſame City: Alſo, you ſhall truly keep the Counſel of the Mayor and his Brethren, in all Matters relating to this City, or the Government thereof, that ſhall be communed of, or debated in Council. Alſo, you ſhall, at all times, be ready to ſtand by your Neighbours inhabiting within this City, in giving them as good Advice and Counſel as you can againſt their Enemies, and in the Defence and Safeguard of their Perſons and Eſtates, from taking any Damage or Wrong, as near as you can, from any Strangers, or evilly diſpoſed Perſons. You ſhall truly keep all theſe Points, as far as God ſhall give you Grace. So help you God.

The Oath for Town-Clerk is the ſame with that above for Alderman.

The Oath for the Town-clerk.

AND further, you ſhall ſwear, that you ſhall at all times be ready to hold all manner of Courts, Law-Days, and Courts of Pipe-Powder, at ſuch Times as they are, and ſhall be reſpectively appointed to be holden within the ſaid City: And in holding of the ſame Courts you ſhall (as much as in you is) promote and advance the Profit and Worſhip of the ſaid City: Alſo, you ſhall well and ſafely keep all and every the Books and Records of the ſaid City, which ſhall at any time come to your Hands, and make due Entries of all ſuch Orders and Things in the Regiſter-Books for that Purpoſe appointed, as you ſhall be required by the Mayor of this City to enter there. You ſhall juſtly and faithfully do and perform theſe, and all other Matters and Things relating to your ſaid Office of Town-Clerk, according to the beſt of your Power, Skill, and Knowledge. So help you God.

The Oath of Coroner.

YOU ſhall ſwear, that you ſhall bear true Faith and Heart to our Sovereign Lord the King's Majeſty, that now is, and to his Heirs and Succeſſors; and alſo to the Mayor of this City, and to the Aldermen his Brethren, and to all the Commonalty of the ſame City: Alſo, you ſhall duly and truly execute the Office of Coroner within this City, the Hundred, Liberties, and Precincts of the ſame, and be attendant and ready to take all Manner of Offices of all Adventures that happen to fall within this City and Liberties thereof, either upon the Land or Water, by the Death of any Perſon: And of all ſuch Offices before you to be taken, due Inquiſitions to make and engroſs, and at the Year's End, or ſooner, if any Seſſions of the Peace ſhall be holden within the ſaid City, deliver them to the Mayor or Town-clerk of the ſaid City, to be duly recorded, and put in the Town-coffer, ſafely to be kept amongſt the Records of the ſaid City. And alſo, you ſhall do and execute all other Things that belong to the ſaid Office of Coroner, according to the beſt of your Skill and Knowledge. So help you God.

The Oath of Attorney in the Court of Portmote.

YOU ſhall ſwear, that you ſhall true Faith and Heart bear unto our Sovereign Lord the King's Majeſty, that now is, and to his Heirs and Succeſſors; and alſo to the Mayor of this City, and the Aldermen his Brethren. You ſhall at all Times, being required, give the beſt of your Advice and Counſel for the Preſervation and Maintenance of all the Grants, Liberties, and Privileges of this City, and when and ſo often as you ſhall know and hear of any Thing

Thing that may be prejudicial or hurtful to the ſame City, you ſhall, as ſoon as conveniently you can, give the Mayor and ſome of his Brethren Notice thereof. Alſo you ſhall, at all Times, ſo long as you continue to be one of the Attornies in the Court of Portmote, within the ſaid City, endeavour to advance and maintain all the Prerogatives and Cuſtoms of the ſame Court; and in all your Doings and Proceeding therein, ſhall not diſcloſe any thing to the Hurt and Prejudice of the ſaid Court, but to the utmoſt of your Power ſhall further the Benefit and Profit of the ſame Court, and of all the Officers and Miniſters thereunto belonging. You ſhall not, for any Fee, Reward, or Friendſhip, conſent to the putting in of any Foreign Plea, or do any other Thing which may out, or infringe the Juriſdiction of the ſaid Court, or bring, or put in any Writ, or other Plea or Record, which may be hurtful or prejudicial to the ſame Court, or to any the antient Cuſtoms, Liberties and Privileges thereof. You ſhall not take any Fee or Reward, or give any ſecret Counſel or Advice againſt any of your Clients, but to the uttermoſt of your Power ſhall further your Client's Cauſe, and not diſcloſe any of the Secrets thereof to his Hurt. And alſo, during the Time of every Court, you ſhall, in your own Perſon, uſe all due Reverence to the ſame, and (as much as in you is) perſuade others to do the ſame. You ſhall truly keep all theſe Points, &c. So help you God.

The Oath of Common Council.

YOU ſhall ſwear, that you ſhall bear true Faith and Heart to our Sovereign Lord the King's Majeſty, that now is, and to his Heirs and Succeſſors; and alſo to the Mayor of this City, and the Aldermen his Brethren. You ſhall, with all your Heart, and to the beſt of your Skill and Power, give your Counſel and Advice to the Mayor and Aldermen of this City, in all Matters relating to the Government thereof, and to the Preſervation and Maintenance of all the Grants, Liberties, and Cuſtoms of the ſame; and alſo for Reformation of all ſuch things, within the ſaid City, as at any time hereafter ſhall be thought fit to be reformed and amended there. You ſhall not underſtand any thing that may be prejudicial or hurtful, or any Diſworſhip to this City, or to the Mayor, or any of his Brethren, or to any of the Commonalty of the ſaid City, but you ſhall, as ſoon as conveniently you can, give the Mayor and ſome of his Brethren Notice thereof. You ſhall, at all times, both early and late, be attendant upon the Mayor of this City, for the Time being, in all things relating to the Good of this City, or the Government thereof, wherein the Mayor ſhall deſire your Advice and Aſſiſtance, and without being ſilent whenſoever your Advice ſhall be required. Alſo you ſhall, with reverend Silence, be attentive to ſuch Things as ſhall be debated of in Council; and when you are minded to ſpeak to any thing, you ſhall aſk Licence to be heard, and ſo tarry your Time, that there be no more than one Speaker at one Time, to avoid Confuſion; and when you have Time to ſpeak, you ſhall, in reverend Terms, freely declare your Mind in the Hearing of all the Council. You ſhall truly keep the Counſel of the Mayor and his Brethren, in all Matters relating to this City, that ſhall be communed of, or debated in Council. You ſhall, at all times, be ready to bear Watch and Ward, Lott and Scott, as of old Time hath been accuſtomed within this City, to the Profit and Worſhip of the ſame. You ſhall duly keep all theſe Points. So help you God.

The Oath of Conſtable.

YOU ſhall ſwear, that you ſhall bear true Faith and Heart to our Sovereign Lord the King's Majeſty, that now is, and to his Heirs and Succeſſors; and alſo to the Mayor of this City, and to the Aldermen his Brethren. You ſhall well and truly execute the Office of Conſtable within this City, Hundred, and Liberty, for the Year enſuing, according to the beſt of your Skill and Knowledge, and ſee that all Watches and Wards within this City, Hundred, and Liberty, of old Time uſed and accuſtomed, to be duly and truly kept: Alſo, you ſhall (as much as in you is) ſee that the King's Peace be kept,

kept, as well in your own Perſons, as in any other Perſons; and where you ſhall come and find any Affraies or Bloodſheds, within this City, Hundred and Liberty, you ſhall arreſt the Perſons of the Offenders, and their Weapons, and bring their Bodies to his Majeſty's Priſon within the ſaid City, and deliver them to the Keeper thereof, and their Weapons to the Mayor: And alſo where you ſhall he required and charged, in the King's Name, to arreſt any Perſon, for any manner of Treaſon or Felony, within this City, Hundred and Liberty, you ſhall arreſt them, and bring them to Priſon, and deliver them to the Keeper thereof, and ſeize ſuch of their Goods as can be found within this City, Hundred and Liberty, to the Uſe of the Mayor and Citizens thereof; and you ſhall cauſe the Parties that ſhall ſo require you to arreſt any ſuch Perſon for Treaſon or Felony, as aforeſaid, to go before the Mayor, or ſome other Juſtice of the Peace within the ſaid City, to make due Information thereof, and before them, or one of them, to find ſuch Sureties as ſhall be required, to proſecute the Offenders, and to abide by their Impeachment: Alſo you ſhall truly bring to Priſon (as ſoon as you ſhall have Knowledge thereof) all ſuſpicious People that ſhall be attached by you or any Watchmen within this City, Hundred or Liberty, by Day or by Night; and alſo ſuch Goods as you ſhall find with them, or of theirs, in any Place within the ſaid City, you ſhall well and truly deliver to the Mayor, to the Uſe of the ſaid City. Alſo, you ſhall be lowly and obedient to the Mayor and Aldermen of this City, at all Times, when they ſhall call upon you to do, or execute, any Matter or Thing relating to your Office. You ſhall know nothing which may tend to the Hurt, Damage, or Diſworſhip of this City, or of the Mayor or Aldermen thereof, but you ſhall let them have timely Knowledge thereof: And alſo, you ſhall be ready at all Times, in Scott and in Lott, and in all other Charges, to the Profit and Worſhip of this City: Alſo, you ſhall duly and truly keep the Mayor's Counſel, and of all his Brethren, in all Matters concerning this City, and the Government thereof: Alſo, you ſhall at all Times be ready to ſtand by your Neighbours inhabiting within this City, in giving to them as good Counſel as you can againſt their Enemies, and in defending their Perſons againſt all Strangers, and evilly diſpoſed People. You ſhall truly keep all theſe Points as near as you can. So help you God.

The Oath of Boſholder.

YOU ſhall ſwear, that you ſhall true Faith and Heart bear, *&c.* Alſo, you ſhall, according to the beſt of your Skill and Power, duly and truly execute the Office of Boſholder, within this City and the Liberties thereof, and eſpecially in the Borough whereof you are elected Boſholder for the Year enſuing. You ſhall not, for any Love, Favour, or Affection, or Hope of Reward, neglect the Duty of your Office, or ſpare to preſent any thing here preſentable, at the Law-days to be holden within this City: And at all Times (as much as in you is) ſee that the ſeveral Statutes concerning Rogues, Drunkenneſs, Hue and Cries, Watching and Warding, be put in due Execution. Alſo, you ſhall from Time to Time be attendant upon the Conſtables, to perform, and do all their Commandments, lawful at the Time of the King's being within this City, and at all other Times, when you ſhall be lawfully required. You ſhall truly keep all theſe Points. So help you God.

The Oath of Serjeant at Mace.

YOU ſhall ſwear, that you ſhall bear true Faith and Heart unto our Sovereign Lord the King's Majeſty, that now is, and to his Heirs and Succeſſors; and alſo to the Mayor of this City, and to the Aldermen his Brethren. You ſhall not know, or hear of any Thing that may tend to the Hurt, Damage, or Diſworſhip of this City, or of the Mayor, or any of his Brethren, but you ſhall give them due Notice thereof: Alſo, you ſhall be lowly and obedient to the Mayor and his Brethren, and attendant upon them at all Times, in all ſuch Matters and Things as belong to your Duty in the Execution of your Office of Serjeant at Mace, within the ſaid City and Liberties thereof, when the Mayor, or

his

his Brethren, ſhall call upon you therein; you ſhall be ready at all Times to bear Watch and Ward, Lott and Scott, and all other Charges, to the Profit and Worſhip of this City, and alſo duly and truly keep the Mayor's and his Brethren's Counſel in all Things relating to this City, and the Government thereof. You ſhall duly and truly execute the Office of Serjeant at Mace, ſo long as you ſhall be thought fit to be continued in that Office, without Partiality, or Reſpect of Perſons. You ſhall not for any Reward, Favour, or Affection, ſpare, or delay the arreſting of any Perſon, againſt whom the Proceſſes of his Majeſty's Court of Pleas within the ſaid City, ſhall be directed and delivered unto you, to arreſt, *and the Perſon or Perſons ſo arreſted, to bring to his Majeſty's Priſon within the ſaid City, and ſafely deliver them to the Keeper thereof, unleſs the Party ſo arreſted ſhall forthwith put in Bail, before the Mayor of this City, or his ſufficient Deputy, to the Action, or Actions, wherein he ſhall be ſo arreſted.* Alſo, you ſhall not make any Love-Days, nor propoſe References between Party and Party, but truly do your Office, that ſo the Mayor or Court receive no Damage or Diſprofit, but you ſhall do your Endeavour, as far as you lawfully can, or may, to advance the Benefit of the Mayor and Court in your Office-doing. Alſo, you ſhall be ready at all Times to ſtand by your Neighbours inhabiting within this City, in giving to them as good Counſel as you can againſt their Enemies, and in defending their Perſons againſt all Strangers, and evilly diſpoſed People. You ſhall truly keep all theſe Points. So help you God.

The Oath for Keeper of his Majeſty's Priſon, is the ſame with the precedent Oath.

The Oath for the Goaler.

AND further, you ſhall ſwear, that you ſhall willingly receive into your Ward and Cuſtody all ſuch Perſons as ſhall be committed to your keeping, by Order of the Mayor or Recorder, or any other of his Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace within this City, and them ſafely keep, until you ſhall receive ſufficient Order for their Enlargement from the Mayor, or ſuch other Juſtice of the Peace as committed them to your Cuſtody, or otherwiſe be delivered by due Courſe of Law. Alſo, you ſhall willingly receive all Priſoners arreſted by any of the Serjeants of this City, yourſelf, or the Conſtables, or Boſholders thereof; and no ſuch Perſons, for any Love, Favour, or Promiſe of Reward, you deliver, or ſet at Liberty, without ſufficient Order or Warrant in that Behalf. And in all other Matters and Things, well and truly execute your Office of Keeper of his Majeſty's Priſon within this City, according to the beſt of your Skill and Knowledge. So help you God.

The Oath for the Water-Bailiff.

YOU ſhall ſwear, that you ſhall well and truly execute the Office of Water-Bailiff, upon the Waters of *Medway*, between *Hawkewood* and *Sheernaſſe*, the Liberties and Precincts thereof. You ſhall well and truly execute all ſuch Warrants and Precepts as ſhall be directed and delivered unto you to be executed, and from Time to Time collect, or gather, all ſuch Fines and Amerciaments, and other Duties, as ſhall be directed and delivered unto you to gather, and do, and faithfully perform all ſuch other Things as appertain to your Office as near as you can. So help you God.

The Oath for the Ale-cunner.

YOU ſhall ſwear, that you ſhall to the beſt of your Skill and Power, execute the Office of Ale-cunner within this City, and Liberties thereof, for the Year enſuing, and ſpare neither for Love, Favour, Threatning, or Promiſe of Reward, to neglect the Duty of your Office, but you ſhall, as near as you can, taſte all the Beer and Ale which ſhall be made for Sale within this City; and if thereupon you find it wholſome and good, affirm it; if unwholſome, or defective of its Goodneſs, then to require the Brewers thereof to forbear to put the ſame to Sale; and if they do the contrary, to complain thereof to the Mayor. Alſo, you ſhall at all Times, if the Brewers do not ſend for you to taſte their

Beer or Ale, before the ſame be expoſed to Sale, complain thereof to the Mayor. And duly perform all other Matters and Things belonging to your Office, to the utmoſt of your Power. So help you God.

The Oath for the Meater.

YOU ſhall ſwear, that you will well, truly, faithfully, and honeſtly, as long as you ſhall continue one of the Meaters of Coals for the City of *Rocheſter*, the Liberties and Precincts thereof, execute the Office of Meater, according to the beſt of your Skill and Knowledge, without making any ſhort Meaſure to the Prejudice of any Perſon or Perſons whatſoever, either for Reward, or through Deceit, Fraud, or ſecret Combination.

The Oath of thoſe which are appointed by the Mayor to take the Voices for the Electing of a new Mayor, &c.

YOU ſhall ſwear, that you ſhall well and truly take the Voice and Voices of every Freeman of this City, who ſhall come to give his Voice for the Electing of a new Mayor for the Year enſuing. You ſhall ſuffer none but Freemen to give their Voice for the Election of ſuch Mayor. You ſhall ſee that the Name of ſuch Freeman be ſet down under the Name of ſuch Aldermen as he ſhall give his Voice unto. You ſhall not perſwade, or deſire any ſuch Freeman to give his Voice to any one Alderman, or other; nor diſcover to what Alderman any ſuch Freeman ſhall give his Voice: But in all Things, in this preſent Employment, you ſhall carry and demean yourſelf equally and indifferently. So help you God.

The Oath of the Boſholder, who keeps the Door of the Guildhall during the Time that the Freemen come to give their Voices for the Election of a new Mayor, viz.

YOU ſhall ſwear, that you ſhall well and truly keep the Door of the Guildhall of this City, during the Time that the Freemen thereof ſhall come to give their Voices for the Election of a Mayor for the Year enſuing. You ſhall ſuffer but one Freeman at one Time to come into the Guildhall to give ſuch Voice. You ſhall not diſcover to what Alderman any ſuch Freeman ſhall give his Voice, nor perſwade, or deſire any Freeman to give his Voice to any one Alderman, or other: But in all Things, in this preſent Employment, you ſhall carry and demean yourſelf equally and indifferently. So help you God.

The Affeerer's Oath.

YOU, and every of you, ſhall well and truly affeer and affirm the ſeveral Amerciaments here made, and now to you read over. You ſhall ſpare no one out of Love, Fear, or Affection, nor raiſe, or inhance any one out of Malice or Hatred, but impartially ſhall do your Duties herein. So help you God.

Oath of the Leather-ſearchers, &c.

YOU, and either of you, ſhall faithfully ſerve our Sovereign Lord the King, and the Mayor and Citizens of this City, in the Office of a Searcher and Sealer of Leather, by ſearching and ſealing all ſuch Leather which ſhall be made or vended within this City, the Liberties and Precincts thereof. You, and either of you, ſhall well and truly do and execute all Things belonging to the ſaid Office, according to the Direction of the ſeveral Acts of Parliament. So help you God.

Oath for the King's Hackney Men.

YOU, and either of you, ſhall ſwear, that you ſhall be obedient to the Mayor of this City for the Time being, and to his Succeſſors, Mayors. And you ſhall be at all Times ready, both early and late, at the Calling of the Mayor, Conſtables, Boſholders, and Miniſters of the ſaid City, to ſerve the King's Grace with able Hackney Horſes, within the ſaid City, for the King's Service and Buſineſs, by his Officers, Meſſengers, and Servants, to be done at all Times, when they, or any of them will ride on the King's Meſſage, with the King's Letter, or his other Commandments; and alſo, if any Hackney-man within the ſame City ſhall hide any of their able Hackney Horſes, in any privy Places, whereby the King's Service may be hindered, prolonged, or undone, that then the ſaid Hackney-man ſhall ſhew the Mayor or Conſtables thereof duly and truly. So help you God.

An ORDINANCE or BYE-LAW for regulating the MARKETS.

City of Rochester in the County of Kent.

WHEREAS it is found by Experience, That the Perſons that bring Proviſions, and other Commodities, to the Markets of this City of *Rocheſter*, going up and down to ſell their Goods and Commodities at ſeveral Places of the ſaid City, and not at one particular Place appointed for a publick Market, is very prejudicial to the Inhabitants thereof; It is therefore, this Thirteenth Day of *June*, *Anno Dom.* One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Twenty-one, ordered by the Mayor, Aldermen, Common-Council of the ſaid City, in Common-Council aſſembled in the *Guildhall* of the ſaid City, That all and every Perſon and Perſons (except Butchers) who ſhall bring any Butter, Cheeſe, Eggs, Fowl, or other Wares or Merchandize (except Fruit, Peas, Beans, and other Garden-Stuff) to the Market of this City, there to be ſold, ſhall reſort to the Place and Ground, under, and near the Court-hall of the ſaid City, and ſhall there, and not elſewhere, ſell and expoſe to Sale their reſpective Proviſions, Wares, Commodities, and Merchandizes; And that if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall at any Time or Times hereafter, ſell, or expoſe to Sale, any Proviſions, Wares, or Merchandizes (except Butcher's Meat, Fruit, Peas, Beans, and other Garden-Stuff) at any other Place or Places within the ſaid City, than at the Place aforeſaid, contrary to the true Meaning of this Order, that then all and every ſuch Perſon and Perſons ſo offending therein, ſhall forfeit to the Mayor and Citizens of the ſaid City, for every ſuch Offence, Ten Shillings, to be ſued for, and recovered, to the Uſe of the ſaid Mayor and Citizens, by Action of Debt, to be brought in the Name of the Chamberlain or Chamberlains of the ſaid City, or by Diſtreſs, or any other lawful Ways or Means. And it is alſo further ordered by the ſaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Common-Council, aſſembled in Common-Council as aforeſaid, That from henceforth no Perſon, not being a Freeman of this City, ſhall ſell, or expoſe, or offer to Sale within the ſaid City (except on the two Market-days for the ſaid City) any Fowls, Poultry, Butter, Eggs, or other Victuals or Proviſions whatſoever (except Fruit, Peas, Beans, and other Garden-ſtuff;) and that every Perſon and Perſons, not being a Freeman of this City, who ſhall, at any Time or Times hereafter, ſell, or expoſe, or offer to Sale, within the ſaid City (except on the two Market-days for the ſaid City) any Fowls, Poultry, Butter, Eggs, or other Victuals or Proviſions whatſoever, except as aforeſaid, ſhall for every Time of ſo doing, forfeit and loſe Six Shillings and Eight Pence, to the Uſe of the ſaid Mayor and Citizens of the ſaid City, to be ſued for, and recovered, to the Uſe of the ſaid Mayor and Citizens, by Action of Debt, to be brought in the Name or Names of the Chamberlain or Chamberlains of the ſaid City, or by Diſtreſs, or any other lawful Ways or Means. And it is alſo further ordered by the ſaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Common-Council, aſſembled in Common-Council as aforeſaid, that from henceforth no Higler, or Huckſter, ſhall preſume to come into, and buy, or cheapen, or offer to buy, any Fowls, Butter, Eggs, Fruit, or any other Proviſions whatſoever, in any of the Markets of this City, or on any Market-day, until ſuch Time as a Bell ſhall have rung to give Notice that the Inhabitants thereof have furniſhed themſelves with ſuch Proviſions, upon Pain that every Higler and Huckſter offending contrary to this Order, ſhall for every Offence forfeit and loſe, to the Uſe of the ſaid Mayor and Citizens, the Sum of Six Shillings and Eight Pence, to be ſued for, and recovered, for the Uſe of the ſaid Mayor and Citizens, by Action of Debt, to be brought in the Name of the Chamberlain or Chamberlains of the ſaid City, or by Diſtreſs, or any other lawful Ways or Means; which ſaid Bell ſhall always ring about Two of the Clock in the Afternoon.

ORDINANCES, or Bye-Laws, for the better regulating and preſerving the Freedom of Elections of Mayor of the ſaid City, made, ordained, and eſtabliſhed, by *Roger Pilcher*, Eſq; Mayor of the City aforeſaid, and the Aldermen and Aſſiſtants of the ſame City, in Common-Council aſſembled in the *Guildhall* of the ſaid City, this Thirty-firſt Day of *Auguſt*, in the Year of our Lord One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Thirty-four.

City of Rochester in the County of Kent. To wit.

WHEREAS the Town-Clerk of the ſaid City, or his Deputy, and the four eldeſt Aſſiſtants, commonly called Common-Council-Men of the ſaid City, have uſually taken the Votes of the Freemen of the ſaid City for the Election of a New Mayor of the ſame City. And whereas it has by Experience been found very inconvenient, and deſtructive of the neceſſary Freedom and Secrecy of ſuch Elections, that ſtated and known Perſons, and ſuch as may have an Influence over the Electors, ſhould be the Vote-takers at the ſaid Elections. To prevent therefore, for the future, the ſaid Inconveniencies, and to obviate all Doubts, Scruples, Suſpicions, or Diſputes, that may ariſe among the Freemen, concerning the Freedom and Secrecy of ſuch Elections, and that the ſame may be performed with all poſſible Liberty, Security, and Impartiality; it is this preſent Thirty-firſt Day of *Auguſt*, in the Year of our Lord One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Thirty-four, declared, ordained, enacted, and eſtabliſhed, by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Aſſiſtants of the ſaid City, in Common-Council aſſembled in the *Guildhall* of the ſaid City, That at all and every future Election of a Mayor of this City, the Mayor of the ſaid City for the Time being, or his Deputy, and the Aldermen and Aſſiſtants of the ſaid City, aſſembled in the *Guildhall* of the ſaid City, on the Morning of the Day of Election of a new Mayor of the ſaid City, or the major Part of them then preſent, whereof the Mayor or his Deputy to be one; and upon the Deceaſe or Removal of a Mayor, then the Aldermen and Aſſiſtants of the ſaid City aſſembled as aforeſaid, or the major Part of them then preſent, ſhall nominate, aſſign, and appoint, according to the beſt of their Judgment, four of the moſt prudent, diſcreet, impartial, independent, and diſintereſted Aſſiſtants of the ſaid City, who, with the Town-Clerk of the ſaid City, (or his Deputy, to be approved by the ſaid Mayor, Aldermen and Aſſiſtants) ſhall take the Votes of all and every Freeman, having a Right, and coming to give his Voice at ſuch Election; and in like Manner ſhall nominate and appoint the Officer or Officers, who ſhall keep the Door of the *Guildhall* of the ſaid City during ſuch Elections; the Town-Clerk, or his Deputy, and the ſaid Aſſiſtants, Officer or Officers, taking the accuſtomed Oaths on this Occaſion, any Statute, Law, Uſage, or Cuſtom of this City to the contrary notwithſtanding.

And for the better Preſervation of the Freedom of ſuch Elections, and for the further Security, Aſſurance, and Encouragement of the Freemen of this City, in giving their Votes according to their own Judgment and Diſcretion, and for the publick Good and Benefit of this City; It is hereby declared, enacted, ordained, and eſtabliſhed, that if any Freeman of this City, either by himſelf, or by any other Perſon, ſhall do, or cauſe to be done, any Injury, Detriment, or Damage, to any other Freeman of this City, or to any Relation or Friend of any other Freeman of this City, in reſpect of his or their Trade, Buſineſs, Place, or Imployment, or otherwiſe, on Account of ſuch Freeman's voting,

voting, or not promiſing to vote, or forbearing to give his Vote at ſuch Election of Mayor, every Freeman ſo doing, or cauſing to be done, or threatening ſuch Injury, Detriment, or Damage, to be done as aforeſaid, ſhall be actually disfranchiſed, diveſted, and deprived of all the Liberties, Privileges, and Immunities belonging to a Freeman of this City, and ſhall be no longer a Freeman thereof; And if any Perſon being no Freeman of this City, ſhall do, or cauſe to be done, or threaten any ſuch Injury, Detriment, or Damage as aforeſaid, ſuch Perſon ſhall for ever be deemed and rendered incapable and diſqualified for being a Freeman of this City. And it is hereby further ordained, enacted, and eſtabliſhed, that none of the ſaid Vote-takers, excepting only the Town-Clerk, or his Deputy, ſhall write down the Votes at ſuch Election, and that the Papers on which the Votes are taken, ſhall, as ſoon as the Election is declared, be publickly burnt, or otherwiſe effectually deſtroyed. And furthermore, that if any of the ſaid Vote-takers, Officer or Officers, ſhall, either directly or indirectly, make any Diſcovery how or for whom any Freeman ſhall give his Vote, or that he ſhall not give his Vote at any ſuch Election, every ſuch Vote-taker, Officer or Officers, ſhall not only be disfranchiſed as aforeſaid, but ſhall alſo be proſecuted for Perjury at the common Charge and Expence of the ſaid City; And that theſe Bye-Laws relating to the ſaid Elections, ſhall be publickly read in the *Guildhall* of the ſaid City, before the Freemen, on the Morning of the Day of Election of a new Mayor.

City of Rocheſter

WHEREAS by one of the Bye-Laws of this City, made the Fourteenth of Day of *September*, which was in the Year of our Lord One Thouſand Six Hundred and Eighty-nine, It was ordered, that no Perſon or Perſons ſhould be elected or choſen, to the Office and Place of Mayor of the ſaid City, or the Office and Place of Alderman of the ſaid City, or to the Office and Place of an Aſſiſtant, commonly called a Common-Council-Man, of the ſaid City, unleſs ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſhall be moſt commonly and ordinarily reſident and dwelling within the ſaid City, and the Liberties and Precincts thereof: And if any Perſon or Perſons, not being an Inhabitant within the ſaid City, ſhould then after be elected or choſen into the Office or Place of Mayor, Alderman, or Aſſiſtant of the ſaid City, or any of them; or if any Perſon or Perſons, being an Inhabitant within the ſaid City, and dwelling therein, at the Time of his Election and Choice into the Offices and Places aforeſaid, or any of them, ſhould remove his Dwelling or Habitation out of the ſaid City, or willingly or wilfully depart, or abſent himſelf from the ſaid City by the Space of three Months together, or, having no lawful Lett or Impediment, ſhould not appear and give his reaſonable and ordinary Attendance at the Courts, and other uſual Meetings of the Mayor and Citizens of the ſame City, about the Affairs of the ſaid City, but forbear the ſame by the Space of three Months together, then ſuch Perſon or Perſons as aforeſaid, ſo departing, or abſenting him or themſelves, ſhould or might be amoved from their reſpective Offices and Places aforeſaid, and every of them reſpectively: And whereas the Mayor, Aldermen, and Aſſiſtants, or Common-Council-Men, were appointed by the Charters of the ſaid City, for the better ordering and governing the ſame, and the Mayor is the chief and principal Magiſtrate, or Officer of the ſaid City, and is a Juſtice of Peace of the *Quorum* within the ſame, and his Reſidence and Preſence is greatly neceſſary for the good Government thereof; and the Aldermen of the ſaid City have each of them particular Wards or Boroughs to inſpect within the ſaid City, and are required at the Courts and other uſual Meetings of the Mayor and Citizens, about the Affairs of the ſaid City, to preſent and give Notice of any Nuiſances, or publick Diſorders, in their reſpective Wards or Boroughs, and two of the ſaid Aldermen are appointed Juſtices of the Peace within the ſaid City, and the Aſſiſtants, or Common-Council-Men, are and ought to attend and be preſent at the uſual Meetings of the Common-Council of the ſaid City, and frequently

are and may be obliged to ſerve on Juries and Inqueſts, and to execute other Offices within the ſame City and Liberties, and Precincts thereof; And whereas great Inconveniences may ariſe to the Citizens and Inhabitants of the ſaid City, for want of a due Execution of Juſtice within the ſame, and of ſuch due and wholeſome Rules and Regulations, for the better ordering of the ſaid City, if the Mayor, or any of the Aldermen, or Aſſiſtants of the ſaid City, inſtead of being moſt commonly and ordinarily reſident, and dwelling within the ſaid City, or the Liberties and Precincts thereof, ſhall, on the contrary, and for any conſiderable Time, reſide and dwell out of the ſame, and to avoid being amoved from any of the Offices or Places aforeſaid, by virtue of the ſaid before-recited Bye-Law, ſhall only appear within the ſaid City, Liberties, or Precincts, or ſhall only be preſent at the ſaid Courts and uſual Meetings, but once at moſt in the Space of every ſuch three Months, and ſhall at other Times, for the much greater Part of the Year, wilfully or willingly reſide and dwell out of, or at a Diſtance from the ſaid City, Liberties, and Precincts: To explain therefore and amend the ſaid before-recited Bye-Law, and more effectually to remedy and prevent the evil Conſequences and great Inconveniencies that may ariſe from, or attend ſuch Non-reſidence and Abſence, and the wilful Neglect of the Duties and Services aforeſaid; It is conſtituted, ordained, and eſtabliſhed, by the Mayor, Aldermen, and the Aſſiſtants of the ſaid City in Common-Council in the *Guildhall* of the ſaid City, for that Purpoſe met and aſſembled this twenty-fifth Day of *February*, in the Year of our Lord, One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Thirty-ſeven; That if any Perſon or Perſons, who now is, or are, or ſhall be elected and admitted to the ſaid Office, or Place of Mayor of the ſaid City, or to the Offices or Places of an Alderman, or of an Aſſiſtant of the ſaid City, or to any or either of them reſpectively ſhall in any wiſe hereafter, depart and abſent him or themſelves from his or their Habitation in the ſaid City, or the Liberties and Precincts thereof, at any one continued Time for the Space of more than eight Weeks, taken together, and immediately following each other, or ſhall hereafter depart or abſent him or themſelves, from his or their Habitation in the ſaid City, or the Liberties and Precincts thereof, though at ſeveral and different Times, for the major Part of any ſix Months, to be taken together, and immediately following each other, without having firſt aſſigned ſuch juſt, reaſonable, and neceſſary Cauſe for his or their ſo doing, as ſhall be approved of, and conſented unto in Writing by the ſaid Aldermen and Aſſiſtants, or the major Part of them, in caſe the Mayor ſhall requeſt to be ſo diſpenſed with, or by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Aſſiſtants, or the major Part of them (of which the Mayor to be one) in Common-Council aſſembled, in caſe an Alderman, or an Aſſiſtant ſhall requeſt to be ſo diſpenſed with, ſuch Perſon or Perſons ſo departing and abſenting him or themſelves, without Conſent as aforeſaid, ſhall be deemed and taken, not to be moſt commonly and ordinarily reſident, and dwelling within the ſaid City, Liberties, and Precincts, but to have willingly or wilfully departed and abſented him or themſelves from the ſame, and from the Duties and Services thereof, and ſhall be amoveable, and ſhall or may accordingly be amoved from his or their reſpective Offices and Places aforeſaid, and every or any of them reſpectively; And it ſhall or may be lawful to and for the Mayor, Aldermen, and Aſſiſtants, within a convenient Time after ſuch a Motion, to proceed to elect and admit ſuch other proper and fit Perſon or Perſons into the Office or Offices, Place or Places, of him or them ſo amoved as aforeſaid, the ſaid before recited Bye-Law, or any other Bye-Law, Ordinance, or Uſage, to the contrary in any wiſe notwithſtanding.

WHEREAS by antient Uſage and Cuſtom within the ſaid City of *Rocheſter*, no Perſon or Perſons ought to be admitted to the Freedom of the ſaid City, to uſe or exerciſe any Trade, Myſtery, or manual Occupation, or to keep any Inn or Ale-houſe there, but ſuch only as have ſerved as Apprentice

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for the Term of Seven Years at the leaſt, to Freemen of the ſaid City, inhabiting within the ſame, and ſuch as have been, are, or ſhall be, the eldeſt Son of a Freeman, inhabiting alſo within the ſame City, and ſuch Perſons as ſhall purchaſe the Freedom of the ſaid City, and inhabit and dwell there; and to take upon them the Execution of ſuch Office within the ſaid City, as they ſhall or may be elected unto; and to bear and pay ſuch publick Aſſeſſments, Scotts and Duties, as other Freemen and Inhabitants of the ſaid City do, or ought to do: And whereas alſo, many Perſons of Quality, as well of the Clergy, or not inhabiting within the ſaid City, have of late, more frequent than in former Times, been admitted to the Freedom of the ſaid City *gratis*, out of a Reſpect and Kindneſs to them from the Mayor and Aldermen of the ſaid City, and many others, being Foreigners and Strangers, and no Inhabitants of the ſaid City, in the Time of the late Civil Wars and Diſtractions within this Kingdom, were, (though very unduly) and ſome of late alſo have been admitted *gratis* to the Freedom of the ſaid City, of Purpoſe, and out of Deſign to qualify them to give their Voices for the electing of Citizens to ſerve for the ſaid City in the late pretended Parliament, before his Majeſty's moſt happy Reſtoration, and ſome in the Parliament ſince his Majeſty's Reſtoration; and thoſe Perſons, and their eldeſt Sons, and Apprentices (though not inhabiting within the ſaid City) have of late, by Colour thereof, challenged the Freedom of the ſaid City, and the Privileges of the Freemen thereof, inhabiting therein, as well for themſelves, as for their eldeſt Sons and Apprentices, reſpectively, as if they were inhabiting within the ſaid City; which being contrary to the antient Uſages there, and againſt all Right and Juſtice, and tending to the Deſtruction of the antient Government of the ſaid City, and of the Privileges belonging to the Freemen of the ſame, inhabiting there, and to the great Miſchief, Damage and Prejudice of ſuch Freemen as now, and which from time to time hereafter ſhall inhabit and dwell within the ſame City, and the Liberties thereof, if ſuch Pretences ſhould be admitted; It is therefore, this preſent Day of in the Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord King *Charles* the Second, and in the Year of our Lord 168 , by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Aſſiſtants, commonly called the Common-Council of the ſaid City, in Common-Council aſſembled in the *Guildhall* of the ſaid City, (whoſe Names are here ſubſcribed) upon their due and ſerious Conſideration had of the Premiſſes, declared, enacted, and ordained, that all and every the Privileges, Advantages and Benefits herein beforementioned, to belong to ſuch Freemen of the ſaid City, as have been, are, or ſhall be inhabiting within the ſaid City, or the Liberties thereof, and to their reſpective eldeſt Sons and Apprentices, reſpectively, ſhall be, and are hereby ratified and confirmed, to all Intents and Purpoſes: And it is hereby further declared, and ordained, that neither the eldeſt Son, or Apprentices of any Perſon or Perſons, who is, are, or ſhall be admitted to the Freedom of the ſaid City *gratis*, whoſe Father or Maſter, reſpectively, doth not, or ſhall not conſtantly inhabit and dwell within the ſaid City, or the Liberties thereof, ſhall, at any Time or Times hereafter, be admitted, or ought to be admitted to the Freedom of the ſaid City, as of Right belonging to him or them, in reſpect to the Freedom of their reſpective Fathers or Maſters.

For the preventing of all deſigned Elections of Citizens to ſerve in Parliament for the ſaid City for the Time to come; and for the avoiding of all Animoſities and Differences that may happen therein, it is this preſent Day of in the Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord King *Charles* the Second, and in the Year of our Lord 168 , enacted and ordained by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Aſſiſtants, commonly called the Common-Council, in Common-Council aſſembled, in the *Guildhall* of the ſaid City, whoſe Names are ſubſcribed, That if either the preſent, or any future Mayor of the ſaid City, ſhall, at any Time or Times here-

hereafter, after Notice or Publication of the Will and Pleaſure of the King's Majeſty, his Heirs or Succeſſors, to aſſemble or call a Parliament, admit or cauſe to be admitted any Perſon or Perſons to the Freedom of the ſaid City, until a due Election of two Citizens, to ſerve for the ſaid City in ſuch Parliament, ſhall be fully paſſed and finiſhed, that then every ſuch Mayor, who ſhall ſo admit any ſuch Perſon or Perſons to ſuch Freedom, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning before expreſſed, ſhall forfeit to the Uſe of the ſaid City the Sum of Two hundred Pounds of lawful Money of *England*, to be recovered againſt him by Action, Plaint, or Suit, to be commenced and proſecuted againſt him in any of his Majeſty's Courts of Record at *Weſtminſter*, in the Name of the Chamberlains of the ſaid City for the Time then being, or by Diſtreſs and Sale of the Goods and Chattles of ſuch Mayor, rendering the Overplus (if any ſhall be.)

WHEREAS ſome Differences have lately happened between the Mayor, Aldermen, and Aſſiſtants, commonly called the Common-Council, and other Freemen of the ſaid City, touching the Miſemployment of the Rents and Profits of ſeveral Eſtates heretofore given by Mr. *Richard Watts*, *Thomas Pagitt*, Eſq; and others, to the Mayor and Citizens of the ſaid City, to be employed to charitable Uſes. Now to the Intent that there may be an Accommodation of the ſaid Differences, and Peace, Love, and Unity may hereafter be and remain among the ſaid Mayor, Aldermen, Aſſiſtants and Freemen; and that the charitable Gifts given to the ſaid Mayor and Citizens may be diſpoſed of and employed according to the true Meaning and Wills of the Founders and Donors thereof; and to the End that the Truſt repoſed in the ſaid Mayor and Citizens touching the ſame, may be duly performed and executed:

It is therefore this preſent Eight and twentieth Day of *September*, in the Fifth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord and Lady, *William* and *Mary*, by the Grace of God, King and Queen of *England*, *Scotland*, *France*, and *Ireland*, Defenders of the Faith, *Anno Domini* 1693, hereby ordered and agreed upon by the ſaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Aſſiſtants, in Common-Council aſſembled in the *Guildhall* of the ſaid City, by and with the Conſent, Good-liking, and Agreement of the Freemen of the ſaid City, whoſe Names are hereunto ſubſcribed, as well on the Behalf of themſelves, as of the reſt of the Freemen of the ſaid City, in manner following; that is to ſay,

I. That there ſhall be for ever hereafter a Committee of nine Perſons yearly, choſen by the Grand Jury of the Court Leet for the ſaid City, to be held upon every Day of the Swearing of the ſaid Mayor for the ſaid City, *viz.* two of them out of the Aldermen of the ſaid City, two others of them out of the Aſſiſtants or Common-Council of the ſaid City, the five others of them out of the other Freemen of the ſaid City, who ſhall be none of the Aldermen nor Aſſiſtants aforeſaid; which ſaid nine Perſons are to remain a Committee for the Space of one Year, and no longer, and to be called a Committee for charitable Uſes; and if one or more of the ſaid Committee ſhall happen to die before the End of the Year for which he or they was or were elected, then the Reſidue of the ſaid Committee ſhall, within one Month next after ſuch Perſon's Death, chuſe one other Perſon in the Room of every one ſo dying, of the ſame Rank, Quality, and Station, that the Perſon or Perſons, ſo dying, was, or were of.

II. That the ſaid Committee ſhall, from time to time, have the Inſpection and Peruſal of all Deeds, Evidences, Writings, Books and Papers relating to the ſaid Charities, or any of them.

III. That the Committee ſhall meet at the *Guildhall* of the ſaid City four Times in the Year, *viz.* upon the four and twentieth Day of *January*, the four and twentieth Day of *April*, the four and twentieth Day of *July*, and the four and twentieth Day of *October*, unleſs any of the ſaid Days happen upon a *Sunday*;

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and if ſo, then on the *Monday* next following, and oftener, if they think fit, as well to examine the preſent Providers, as the ſucceeding Providers Accompts; and to do ſuch other Things as ſhall be needful for the well managing of the ſaid Charities.

IV. That the Provider for the ſaid City ſhall, upon every one of the four Days aforeſaid, deliver to the ſaid Committee an Accompt, fairly written, of all his Receipts and Payments for the Quarter before going; and at the End of his Year ſhall give and deliver to the ſaid Committee an Accompt of his whole Year's Receipts and Diſburſements; and that in the Bond the Provider uſually gives for the due Execution of his Office, there ſhall be a Clauſe inſerted for the Purpoſe aforeſaid.

V. That neither the Provider's Accompt, nor any other Accompt relating to any Charity given to the ſaid City, ſhall be inſpected, or allowed, or paſſed by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common-Council of the ſaid City, till the ſame have been firſt examined and allowed by the ſaid Committee, unleſs the Committee refuſe to examine or allow the ſame, without ſhewing good Cauſe for ſo doing.

VI. That the ſaid Committee ſhall conſider and take care how the ſaid charitable Gifts, and the Revenues of the ſame, may be advanced and improved, and likewiſe how the ſame may be beſt ſecured from any Abuſes, Corruptions, or Miſemployments for the future, and how the Surpluſage of any of the ſaid Charities ſhall be employed and beſtowed, according to (or as near as poſſible may be to) the Intent, Deſign, Scope, and Meaning of the reſpective Founders and Donors.

VII. That the Mayor and Citizens of the ſaid City ſhall not, at any Time hereafter, demiſe, ſet, or to farm let, or otherwiſe paſs away any of the Lands or Tenements belonging to the ſaid City, and which were given to charitable Uſes, without the Knowledge and Conſent of the ſaid Committee, or the major Part of them, under their Hands.

VIII. That every Provider for the ſaid City, ſhall twice in the Time of his Office, have a Survey taken of all the Eſtate given to the ſaid City by the ſaid Mr. *Watts*, or Mr. *Pagitt*, or any others; and at the Time of his delivering his yearly Accompt, give and deliver unto the ſaid Committee an Accompt in Writing, fairly written, of the State and Condition thereof, and of the Wants of the Reparations of the ſame, and alſo of the Tenants Names, Places of Habitation, and their reſpective yearly Rents.

IX. That there ſhall be a new Cheſt, or Box, ſet up in the Guildhall of the ſaid City, in which one Part of theſe Preſents, and alſo all the Writings and Papers that ſhall be brought before the ſaid Committee, ſhall be put and remain: And that there ſhall be three Locks on the ſaid Cheſt, or Box, with Keys to them, one Key thereof to be kept by one of the Committee, who ſhall be an Alderman, one other, by one of them who ſhall be an Aſſiſtant, and the other of them by one of the ſaid five Freemen, the ſaid three Perſons to be named by the ſaid Committee.

X. That the Bond uſually given by the Provider to the Mayor and Citizens for the due Execution of his Office, ſhall be delivered unto him, to be cancelled and made void, after he ſhall have performed the Condition thereof, and all his Accompts ſhall have been examined and allowed of by the ſaid Committee.

XI. That if any Alderman, Aſſiſtant, or Freeman of the ſaid City, who ſhall be duly choſen to be of the Committee as aforeſaid, ſhall refuſe to execute the ſaid Office, Truſt, or Employment; That then he ſhall forfeit the Sum of five Pounds, to the Uſe of the Mayor and Citizens of the ſaid City, to be levied by Diſtreſs, or Action of Debt, to be brought in the Names of the Chamberlains of the ſaid City, or by any other lawful Ways or Means.

XII. That the Provider of the ſaid City ſhall, on every one of the ſaid four Days appointed for the ſaid Committee to meet, expend ten Shillings, to refreſh the ſaid Committee.

WHEREAS, by the Bye-Laws and Conſtitutions of this City, made the 14th Day of *September*, which was in the firſt Year of their now Majeſty's Reign, by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Aſſiſtants, being the Common-Council of the ſaid City, it was ordered, that if any of the Aldermen or Aſſiſtants of the ſaid City, ſhould by any Means perſwade, or ſollicit any Freeman or Freemen of the ſaid City, to give his or their Voice or Voices to any particular Alderman of the ſaid City, for the electing of ſuch Alderman to be Mayor of the ſaid City, ſuch Alderman, or Aſſiſtant, offending therein, ſhould be thereby made incapable to bear ſuch Office of Alderman, or Aſſiſtant, within the ſaid City, and ſhould be thereupon diſmiſſed and amoved from the ſame accordingly.

And it was alſo ordered, that if any Alderman, or Aſſiſtant, having no lawful Lett, or Impediment, ſhould not appear and give his reaſonable and ordinary Attendance at the Courts, and other uſual Meetings of the Mayor, and Citizens of the ſame City, about the Affairs of the ſaid City, but forbear the ſame by the Space of three Months together: Then ſuch Perſon, or Perſons, ſo abſenting him or themſelves, and not appearing at the ſaid Courts, by the Time aforeſaid, ſhould and might be amoved from the reſpective Offices and Places aforeſaid, and every of them; And whereas the Aldermen of the ſaid City have been, and ought to be Perſons of good Subſtances, and Ability, to defray the Charges of their ſaid Office, and to maintain and ſupport the Worſhip and Dignity of the ſaid City in their reſpective Stations.

Now, foraſmuch as it appears to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Aſſiſtants, commonly called the Common-Council, being in Common-Council aſſembled in the Guildhall of the ſaid City, this Five and Twentieth Day of *Auguſt*, in the ſixth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord and Lady K. *William* and Q. *Mary*, *An. Dom.* 1694, That *Matthew Webb*, Gent. one of the Aldermen of this City, did, ſince the ſaid Fourteenth Day of *September*, perſwade ſeveral Freemen of this City to give their Voices to elect him the ſaid *Matthew Webb*, to be Mayor of the ſaid City; And that the ſaid *Matthew Webb* hath, ſince his being an Alderman of the ſaid City, not appeared, and given his Attendance at the uſual Meetings of the Mayor and Citizens of the ſame City, about the Affairs of the ſaid City, but hath forborn the ſame by the Space of three Months together, having no lawful Lett: And foraſmuch as the ſaid *Matthew Webb*, by reaſon of his preſent unhappy Circumſtances and Poverty, is become wholly incapable of defraying the Charges of the ſaid Offices, and maintaining the Worſhip and Dignity of the ſaid City, in his ſaid Station: Now, for theſe, and divers other good Cauſes and Reaſons, it is this Day ordered, agreed, and decreed by the ſaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Aſſiſtants, in Common-Council aſſembled, as aforeſaid, that the ſaid *Matthew Webb* ſhall from henceforth ſtand and be diſcharged, amoved, and diſmiſſed, of and from the ſaid Office and Place of Alderman of the ſaid City, and he the ſaid *Matthew Webb* is hereby diſcharged, amoved, and diſmiſſed, of and from the ſaid Offices and Place accordingly.

An ORDINANCE, or Bye-Law, for the more orderly chuſing the two Conſtables of the ſaid City, made, concluded, and agreed upon by *Robert Weller*, Eſq; Mayor, and the Aldermen and Aſſiſtants, commonly called the Common-Council-Men of the ſaid City, in Common-Council aſſembled in the *Guildhall* of the ſaid City, this Four and Twentieth Day of *January* 1718.

WHEREAS, by the Charters of the ſaid City, the two Conſtables of the ſaid City are appointed to be choſen by the Freemen of the ſaid City, on the Day thereby appointed for the Election of the Mayor of the ſaid City: And whereas, the Method of Electing ſuch Conſtables for many Years paſt, has been by the Freemen's naming and crying them up in the Guildhall immediately after

the declaring the Election of the Mayor, and Choice of a Coroner, and in case of any Diſpute, the Freemen have drawn themſelves into ſeveral Ranks, or Parties, on the Piece of Ground called the Common within the ſaid City, to diſtinguiſh for whom they vote, and have there been counted by the Town-Clerk: And whereas the aforeſaid Method of Electing the ſaid Conſtables has of late Years been found very incommodious, inconvenient, and uncertain, and been the Occaſion of great Tumults and Diſorders amongſt the Freemen of the ſaid City, by reaſon of the great Number of the Freemen, which of late Years has very much increaſed: For Prevention whereof, for the future, it is this preſent Four and Twentieth Day of *January*, One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Eighteen, ordered, eſtabliſhed, and agreed by the ſaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Aſſiſtants of the ſaid City, in Common-Council aſſembled in the Guildhall of the ſaid City, that from henceforth, for ever hereafter, the Town-Clerk of the ſaid City, or his Deputy, and the four Aſſiſtants, or Common-Council-Men, who uſually take the Votes of the Freemen of the ſaid City for the Election of a new Mayor of the ſaid City, ſhall alſo, at the ſame Time, and in the ſame Manner as they take ſuch Freemen's Votes for the Election of ſuch new Mayor, take their Votes alſo for the Election of the two Conſtables of the ſaid City, any Uſage or Cuſtom to the contrary notwithſtanding.

ORDINANCES, Bye-Laws, and Conſtitutions, made and eſtabliſhed for the good Rule, Order, and Government of the ſaid City of ROCHESTER, and of the Citizens, Tradeſmen, Artificers, and Inhabitants thereof, the fourteenth Day of *September*, in the firſt Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord and Lady, *William* the Third and *Mary* the Second, by the Grace of God, King and Queen of *England*, *Scotland*, *France*, and *Ireland*, Defender of the Faith, *&c. Anno Domini* 1689; By the Mayor, Aldermen, and Aſſiſtants, being the Common-Council of the ſaid City, for that Purpoſe met and aſſembled in the *Guildhall* of the ſaid City, by the Advice of Sir *Nathaniel Powell*, Knight and Baronet, Recorder of the ſame City.

I. TO the Intent that the Elections of Mayors and other Officers may be free, and without Diſturbance, as by Law they ought, and that all Freemen of this City, who have Right to give their Voices towards the Election of the Mayor, or other Officers of the ſaid City, may come and give their Voices at ſuch Elections freely, and without Prejudice or Pre-engagement; And to the Intent to diſcourage all Perſons to uſe any Means, Practices, or Endeavours, to ſet up themſelves, or to labour or endeavour to be choſen Mayor of this City, it is hereby ordered, that if any of the Aldermen, or Aſſiſtants, commonly called Common-Council-Men, of the ſaid City, ſhall at any Time hereafter, by any Means, perſwade or ſollicit any Freeman, or Freemen of the ſaid City, to give his or their Voice or Voices, to any particular Alderman of the ſaid City, for the electing ſuch Alderman to be Mayor of the ſaid City, ſuch Alderman, or Aſſiſtant, offending therein, ſhall forfeit and loſe, to the Uſe of the Mayor and Citizens of the ſaid City, for every ſuch Offence, the Sum of Forty Shillings, and ſhall be thereby made uncapable to bear ſuch Office of Alderman or Aſſiſtant within the ſaid City, and ſhall be thereupon diſmiſſed and amoved from the ſame accordingly; And if any Freeman of the ſaid City, or other Inhabitant thereof, ſhall at any Time hereafter, by any Means, ſolicit or perſwade any other of his Fellow-Freemen of the ſaid City, to give his or their Voice or Voices to the Election of any particular Alderman, to be Mayor of the ſaid City, ſuch Perſon ſo offending, ſhall forfeit and loſe, for every ſuch Offence, the Sum of Twenty Shillings, and if he be a Freeman, ſhall forfeit and loſe his Free-

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dom, and all the Rights and Privileges belonging to a Freeman of the ſaid City; and if at any time or times hereafter, it ſhall appear to the Mayor of the ſaid City for the Time being, and the Aldermen and Common-Council of the ſaid City, or the major Part of them, that any Alderman of the ſaid City, ſhall at any time hereafter, contrive, labour, or endeavour to be choſen Mayor of the ſaid City, and ſhall for that End and Purpoſe, by himſelf, or any by or with his Conſent, Means, or Procurement, entertain, ſollicit, intreat, menace, or threaten any Freeman or Freemen of the ſaid City, to give his or their Voice or Voices for him, at the Election of Mayor for the ſaid City, ſuch Alderman, if he be choſen Mayor, ſhall bear the whole Charge of his Mayoralty, upon his own private Account, without any manner of Allowance from the City, or any Profit, Benefit, or Advantage by him to be had or taken, for the Admiſſion of any Perſon to the Freedom of the ſaid City, or otherwiſe; And it is hereby further ordered, that the ſeveral Penalties and Forfeitures aforeſaid, ſhall be levied for the Uſe of the Mayor, and Citizens of the ſaid City, by Diſtreſs of the Goods of the ſeveral Perſon or Perſons ſo offending as aforeſaid, or by Action of Debt, to be brought in the Name of the Chamberlain or Chamberlains of the ſaid City, for the Time being, or by any other lawful Ways or Means.

Or rather Mayor and Citizens.

II. And for the further Prevention of Confuſion and Diſorders in the Election of Mayors of the ſaid City, it is hereby further ordered, that no Perſon having a Right to give a Voice in the Election of any Mayor of the ſaid City, ſhall at any Time, at one and the ſame Election, give his Voice for any more than one of the Aldermen of the ſaid City, to be Mayor of the ſame City, and that if any ſuch ſecond or other Voice ſhall be given, the ſame ſhall be utterly rejected, and not allowed, written down, or taken, any Uſage or Practice to the contrary thereof notwithſtanding; and that no Perſon or Perſons ſhall give any Voice, for the electing or chuſing of the ſaid Mayor of the ſaid City, but ſuch as are Freemen of the ſame City, and inhabiting and dwelling within the ſaid City, Hundred, and Liberty thereof; and that every Man ſhall give his Voice for the electing of the ſaid Mayor, between the Hours of Nine and Three in the Day of Election of ſuch Mayor.

III. Alſo to the Intent that no worthy and deſerving Perſon may be diſcouraged from executing the ſaid Office of Mayor of this City, by Reaſon of the great Charge that attends the ſame; it is hereby further ordered, that every Mayor who ſhall be duly and freely elected into that Office, without any Solicitation, Practice, Deſign, or Contrivance, ſhall be allowed out of the common Stock of the ſaid City, for the firſt Year that he ſhall ſerve in the ſaid Office, the Sum of Ten Pounds, for the Entertainment of the Freemen of the ſaid City, and no more, and for every other Year that he ſhall ſerve as Mayor there after the ſaid firſt Year, the Sum of Twenty Pounds, and alſo the Sum of Ten Pounds more in lieu of the Benefit of a Freedom, which the Mayors of the ſaid City have uſually given and beſtowed, in all Thirty Pounds, and no more.

By a late Order 20 l. is allowed.

IV. Alſo it is hereby further ordered, that no Perſon or Perſons ſhall be elected or choſen to the Office and Place of Mayor of the ſaid City, or to the Office and Place of Alderman of the ſaid City, or to the Office and Place of an Aſſiſtant, commonly called a Common-Council-Man, of the ſaid City, unleſs ſuch Perſon or Perſons be moſt commonly and ordinarily reſident and dwelling within the ſaid City, and the Liberties and Precincts thereof; and if any ſuch Perſon or Perſons, not being an Inhabitant within the ſaid City, ſhall hereafter be ſo elected or choſen in the Office or Place of Mayor, Alderman, or Aſſiſtant of the ſaid City, or any of them, or if any Perſon or Perſons, being an Inhabitant within the ſaid City, and dwelling therein at the Time of his Election, and choſe into the Offices and Places aforeſaid, or any of them, ſhall remove his Dwelling or Habitation out of the ſaid City, or willingly or wilfully depart or abſent himſelf from the ſaid City by the Space of three Months together,

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or having no lawful Lett or Impediment, ſhall not appear and give his reaſonable and ordinary Attendance at the Court and other uſual Meetings of the Mayor and Citizens of the ſame City, about the Affairs of the ſaid City, but forbear the ſame by the Space of three Months together, then ſuch Perſon or Perſons as aforeſaid, ſo departing or abſenting him or themſelves from the ſaid City, and not appearing at the ſaid Courts or Meetings, but forbearing the ſame by the Time aforeſaid, ſhall or may be amoved from the reſpective Offices and Places aforeſaid, and every of them reſpectively, and that every of the ſaid Perſon or Perſons that ſhall neglect or forbear to appear, and give his ordinary and reaſonable Attendance in the ſaid Courts, and other uſual Meetings aforeſaid, having due and reaſonable Warning, and having no lawful Lett, Excuſe, and Impediment, ſhall forfeit for every ſuch Neglect or Default, the Sum of Ten Shillings, to be levied to the Uſe of the Mayor and Citizens of the ſaid City, by Diſtreſs of the Goods of the Perſon or Perſons ſo offending, as aforeſaid, or by Action of Debt, to be brought in the Name of the † Chamberlain or Chamberlains of the ſaid City for the Time being, or by any other lawful Ways or Means.

† Quere, Whether all Actions ſhould not be in the Name of the Mayor and Citizens.

V. Alſo, it is hereby ordered, That if any Alderman of the ſaid City, being duly elected and choſen into the Office and Place of Mayor of the ſaid City, ſhall refuſe to take upon him the ſaid Office or Place, to execute the ſame, having Notice of ſuch Election, and being thereunto ſummoned by the then preſent Mayor of the ſaid City; or in caſe there be no preſent Mayor, then by the two Senior Aldermen of the ſaid City, and having no lawful Lett or Impediment, ſhall not appear at the Guildhall of the ſaid City, to take the uſual and accuſtomed Oath of Mayor of the ſaid City, according to the Charters, Uſage, and Cuſtoms of the ſaid City, or ſhall refuſe to take ſuch Oath, being lawfully tendered unto him, ſuch Aldermen ſhall forfeit and loſe, to the Uſe of the Mayor and Citizens of the ſaid City, the Sum of Forty Pounds, to be levied by Diſtreſs of his Goods, or by Action of Debt, to be brought in the Name of the * Chamberlain or Chamberlains of the ſaid City for the Time being, or by any other lawful Ways or Means.

* Quere, Whether not in the Names of the Mayor and Citizens.

VI. Alſo, it is hereby further ordered, that if any Perſon being Aſſiſtant, commonly called a Common-Council-Man, or Freeman of the ſaid City, ſhall be duly elected and choſen to be one of the Aldermen of the ſaid City, and having Notice of ſuch his Election, and being thereunto duly ſummoned, and having no lawful Lett or Impediment, ſhall not appear at the Guildhall of the ſaid City, at ſuch reaſonable Times as ſhall be appointed for that Purpoſe, by the Mayor of the ſaid City for the Time being, to take the uſual and accuſtomed Oath of an Alderman of the ſaid City, or ſhall refuſe to take the ſaid Oath, being lawfully tendered unto him to take; or if any who already have, or hereafter ſhall have taken the ſaid Oath, ſhall afterwards leave the ſaid Office, and refuſe to execute the ſame, ſuch Perſon, in every ſuch Caſe, ſhall forfeit and loſe, to the Uſe of the Mayor and Citizens of the ſaid City, the Sum or Fine of Twenty Pounds: And if any Perſon being a Freemen of the ſaid City, ſhall be duly elected and choſen to be one of the Aſſiſtants, commonly called a Common-Council-Man, of the ſaid City, and having Notice thereof, and being thereunto duly ſummoned, and having no lawful Lett or Impediment, ſhall not appear at the Guildhall of the ſaid City, at ſuch reaſonable Times as ſhall be appointed for that Purpoſe, by the Mayor of the ſaid City for the Time being, to take the uſual and accuſtomed Oath of an Aſſiſtant of the ſaid City, well and truly to execute the ſaid Office and Place of an Aſſiſtant of the ſaid City, or ſhall refuſe to take the ſaid Oath, being lawfully tendered unto him to take; or if any who have, or hereafter ſhall have taken the ſaid Oath, ſhall afterwards leave the ſaid Office, and refuſe to execute the ſame, ſuch Perſon, in every ſuch Caſe, ſhall forfeit or loſe, to the Uſe of the Mayor and Citizens of the ſaid City, the Sum or Fine of Ten Pounds; the ſeveral Penalties and Forfeitures aforeſaid, to be levied

*Quere, Whether not in the Names of the Mayor and Citizens,

vied by Diſtreſs or Action of Debt, in the Name of the * Chamberlain or Chamberlains of the ſaid City for the Time being, or by any other lawful Ways and Means, provided that no Perſon that ſhall pay the ſaid Fine or Fines, ſhall at any Time after be elected to ſuch of the ſaid Place or Office for which ſuch Fine is paid.

VII. Alſo, it is hereby further ordered, that yearly, upon *Monday* next after the Feaſt-Day of St. *Michael* the Archangel, being the uſual Day for which the Law-Day for the ſaid City is holden, and the new Mayor ſworn, there ſhall be choſen by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Aſſiſtants, commonly called the Common-Council-Men, of the ſaid City, two Chamberlains for the Year enſuing; and that the ſaid Chamberlains, or one of them, ſhall faithfully receive, and pay, all ſuch Monies belonging to the City, as ſhall from Time to Time be paid, or delivered to their, or either of their Hands, or Cuſtody, and ſhall for that Purpoſe give their Attendance, at every Court-Day, upon the Mayor and Aldermen of the ſaid City, and ſhall from Time to Time make Payment thereof in ſuch manner, and to ſuch Uſes, as the Mayor, and three, at leaſt, of the Aldermen of the ſaid City, ſhall under their Hands direct, order, and appoint, and ſhall keep a Book, or Books of Accompt, of all their Receipts and Payments, and make a true and juſt Accompt thereof, whenſoever they, or either of them, ſhall be thereunto required by the Mayor of the ſaid City. And that if any Perſon, or Perſons, being duly elected and choſen to the Office and Place of Chamberlain of the ſaid City, ſhall refuſe to accept, and take upon him, or them, the Office and Place of Chamberlain, or to receive, or pay the Monies belonging to the Mayor and Citizens of the ſaid City, or any Part thereof, in ſuch manner as aforeſaid, or ſhall not keep the ſaid Accompt of his and their Receipts and Payments in Writing, or do not pay the ſaid Monies from Time to Time, according to ſuch Order and Directions as aforeſaid, ſhall forfeit and loſe, for ſuch his and their reſpective Refuſal to accept of the ſaid Office, or to continue in the ſame during the whole Year, the Sum of Five Pounds; and for every other his or their Neglect aforeſaid, in any other the Matters and Things aforeſaid, the Sum of Ten Shillings; the ſaid Penalties to be levied to the Uſe of the Mayor and Citizens of the ſaid City, by Diſtreſs of his and their Goods reſpectively, or by Action of Debt, to be brought in the Name or Names of any other of the Chamberlain or Chamberlains of the ſaid City for the Time being, or by any other lawful Ways or Means. And if any one of the ſaid Chamberlains ſhall die before the Year expired, then the other ſhall continue alone in the ſaid Office during the Remainder of the ſaid Year; and if both of them die, or they, or one of them, refuſe to accept of the ſaid Office, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Aſſiſtants aforeſaid, ſhall chuſe new Chamberlain, or Chamberlains, for the ſaid Year, or Reſidue thereof; which new Chamberlain, or Chamberlains, ſhall obſerve, and be ſubject to ſuch Orders and Directions, as are herein before mentioned, and for Breach or Neglect thereof, ſhall be ſubject and liable to ſuch Forfeitures and Penalties as aforeſaid, to be recovered as aforeſaid.

VIII. Alſo, it is hereby further ordered, that the new Chamberlains of the ſaid City, and alſo every other ſucceeding Chamberlain and Chamberlains thereof reſpectively, ſhall within Thirty Days after the End of the Year, for which he or they ſhall be choſen to ſerve in the ſaid Office, or other ſooner Determination or Expiration of his or their Office reſpectively, make, and perfect his or their Accompts, before the Auditors of Accompts for the ſaid City for the Time being, of all Monies of and belonging to the Mayor and Citizens of the ſaid City, which have come to his or their Hands reſpectively, upon which Accompts no Payments of any Monies ſhall be allowed, but ſuch as have been paid, according to ſuch Orders and Directions as aforeſaid, by Writing under the Hands of the Mayor, and three, at leaſt, of the Aldermen, and ſhall pay and deliver over to the ſucceeding Chamberlain and Chamberlains of the ſaid City, for the Uſe of the Mayor and Citizens of the ſaid City, all ſuch Monies as ſhall be found in Arrear,

and in his or their Hands reſpectively, by the ſaid Auditors, within Ten Days after his or their reſpective Accompts made and ſtated, upon Pain that every Chamberlain as aforeſaid, that ſhall fail to make and perfect his Accompts as aforeſaid, within ſuch Time as aforeſaid, ſhall forfeit and pay, to the Uſe of the Mayor and Citizens of the ſaid City, for every Week after ſuch Default or Failure, until he ſhall make perfect his ſaid Accompt with the ſaid Auditors, the Sum of Twenty Shillings, to be levied and recovered by Diſtreſs of his Goods, or by Action of Debt, in the Name of the † Chamberlain or Chamberlains of the ſaid City, for the Time being, or by any other lawful Ways or Means. And that every ſuch Perſon having been Chamberlain as aforeſaid, who ſhall not within Ten Days after his Accompt made and ſtated as aforeſaid, pay and deliver over to the Hands of the Chamberlain or Chamberlains of the ſaid City, for the Time being, all ſuch Monies as upon Accompt are found to be Arrear, and in his Hands, ſhall forfeit double the Sum or Sums which ſhall be ſo found to be Arrear, and in his Hands, by the ſaid Auditors, to be recovered by Diſtreſs of his or their Goods reſpectively, or by Action of Debt, in the Name of the Chamberlain or Chamberlains of the ſaid City for the Time being, or by any other lawful Ways or Means.

† Or rather in the Names of the Mayor and Citizens.

IX. Alſo it is hereby ordered, according to the antient Rules and Cuſtoms of the ſaid City, hereby ratified and confirmed, That the Mayor of the ſaid City for the Time being, and every one of the Aldermen for the Time being, and Aſſiſtants, commonly called Common-Council-Men, of the ſaid City, and the Town-Clerk, or his Deputy, without any Warning, at or before Nine of the Clock in the Morning, upon *Saturday* every Fortnight, to begin and commence from the preſent Fourteenth Day of *September* above written, and ſo from every Fifteen Days to Fifteen Days, through every Year for ever, come and make their perſonal Appearance, and accuſtomed Meeting and Aſſembly in the Court-hall of the ſaid City, then and there quietly, and in the Fear of God, to have reverend Conference together, and to agree upon, and, by God's Aſſiſtance, make Orders and Decrees for the better Preſervation and Enjoyment of the Grants, Liberties, Franchiſes, and Cuſtoms of the ſaid City now in Being, and for the bringing to Light, and diſcovering, all ſuch other Liberties and Privileges as have been granted, or are any Ways appertaining unto the ſaid City, and are at this preſent, or hereafter ſhall be, anywiſe with-holden, incroached upon, or abuſed, by Land or Water; and for Reformation in the Government of the ſaid City, and of all and every thing whatſoever, that hath heretofore been neglected, miſuſed, or abuſed, within the ſaid City, Liberties, or any the Precincts thereof, and for the Advancement, improving, and increaſing the ſaid City's yearly Revenues, Commodities, and Profits, and for the rating, aſſeſſing, and apportioning of all ordinary and extraordinary Charges of the ſaid City, and Inhabitants thereof; and finally alſo, for the better ordering, amending, and reforming of all and every ſuch other Thing and Things whatſoever, which the Mayor of the ſaid City for the Time being, and the Aldermen and Common-Council-Men, ſhall think good and meet to be redreſſed, amended, decreed, and eſtabliſhed, for any Matter or Cauſe whatſoever; and after the ſaid Hour of every ſuch Aſſembly paſt, the Defaulters being firſt called on, and noted, all that do appear ſhall there quietly continue in Conference about the ſaid Buſineſs, and not depart thence until the ſaid Mayor, or his Deputy, ſhall agree, that the Company ſhall for that Time depart, except ſome ſpecial Man of that Company ſhall for ſome preſent Sickneſs, Infirmity, or other ſpecial Cauſe or Neceſſity, by the Mayor, or his Deputy, then preſent, be licenſed to depart, upon Pain that every Mayor, which at any of the ſaid Days ſhall, at the Place and Time aforeſaid, not appear, or make Default of appearing in Perſon, or ſhall appoint his Deputy in Time of Sickneſs, and other Cauſe of his Abſence, ſhall, for every Default, forfeit and pay the Sum of Four Shillings of lawful Money; and upon Pain that every ſuch Deputy, as ſhall be appointed by the Mayor, which ſhall make Default in his own Perſon

ſon of appearing at any of the ſaid Days, at the Place and Time aforeſaid, without having ſome reaſonable Lett or Excuſe, ſhall forfeit and pay the Sum of Three Shillings of like Money for ſuch his Default as aforeſaid; and upon Pain that every of the Aldermen, and Town-Clerk, which ſhall make Default of appearing at the Place and Time aforeſaid, and have not obtained ſpecial Licence of Mr. Mayor, or his Deputy, to be abſent, or have not juſt or reaſonable Cauſe for ſuch his Abſence, or if any Aldermen, or Town-Clerk, ſo appearing, ſhall after Appearance depart without Licence, as aforeſaid, ſhall in every ſuch Caſe forfeit and pay to the Uſe aforeſaid, Two Shillings of like Money, for every ſuch Default as aforeſaid; and alſo, that every one of the Aſſiſtants or Common-Council, which without Licence as aforeſaid, or ſuch reaſonable Cauſe aforeſaid, ſhall make Default of Appearance at any of the ſaid Days, at the Time and Place aforeſaid, or after Appearance do depart without Licence, as aforeſaid, ſhall forfeit to the Uſe aforeſaid, the Sum of Twelve Pence of like Money, for every ſuch Default or Neglect aforeſaid; the ſeveral Penalties and Forfeitures aforeſaid, to be levied to the Uſe of the Mayor and Citizens of the ſaid City, by Diſtreſs of the Goods of the reſpective Perſon or Perſons ſo failing, neglecting, or making Default as aforeſaid, or by Action of Debt, to be brought in the Name of the Chamberlain or Chamberlains of the ſaid City for the Time being, or by any other lawful Ways or Means, provided that all and every the Penalties in this preſent Order mentioned, ſhall be ſued for or levied within three Months next after the ſame ſhall be forfeited, and not after.

X. Alſo, it is hereby ordered, according to ſeveral former Orders in that Behalf made, and hereby revived, that from henceforth every Alderman of this City, for the Time being, and every Citizen which now is, and hereafter ſhall be one of the Number of the Aſſiſtants, commonly called Common-Council, of the ſaid City, being Members of the Church of *England*, and not being ſick, lame, impotent, or abſent from his Dwelling-houſe, or not having juſt and reaſonable Cauſe and Impediment, to be allowed by the Mayor of the ſaid City for the Time being, ſhall upon every Lord's-Day, and upon ſuch Holy-days, Faſting-days, Thankſgiving-days, and other ſolemn Occaſions in the Year, as the Mayor of the ſaid City, for the Time being, ſhall think fit, upon the Appointment of, and Notice by the ſaid Mayor to them ſeverally ſignified, at the ringing and tolling of the laſt Peal to Service, in the Forenoon, or Afternoon, repair to the Mayor's Houſe of the ſaid City, for the Time being, in their Gowns, and ſo accompany him to Church, and after Divine Service, and Sermon, if there ſhall be any, home again from Church to the ſaid Mayor's Dwelling-houſe, upon Pain that every ſuch Alderman, or Perſon aforeſaid, which ſhall make Default therein, ſhall forfeit and pay to the Uſe of the Mayor and Citizens of the ſaid City, to be employed for, and towards the Relief of the poor Inhabitants of the ſaid City, for every ſuch Default, the Sum of Twelve-pence of lawful Money of *England*, to be levied by way of Diſtreſs of the Goods of the Party or Parties ſo making Default, or by Action of Debt, to be brought in the Name or Names of the † Chamberlain or Chamberlains of the ſaid City, for the Time being, or by any other lawful Ways or Means. And it is hereby farther agreed upon and ordered, by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common-Council of the ſaid City, in Common-Council aſſembled, that all and every Perſon and Perſons, being Members of the Church of *England*, and that ſhall hereafter be admitted and elected of the Common-Council of the ſaid City, before he or they ſhall be reſpectively ſworn, and admitted to be of the Common-Council of the ſaid City, ſhall ſubſcribe his or their reſpective Name or Names to this Order, together with the Day and Year of his Subſcription, as a Teſtimony of his Purpoſe and Reſolution to conform thereunto, and to be obliged to pay the ſaid Penalty, in caſe of his Non-performance of the ſame.

† Mayor and Citizens.

XI. Alſo, it is hereby further ordered, according to an antient Order, that if any of the Aldermen, or Aſſiſtants, commonly called Common-Council-Men, of the

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ſaid City, being duly warned by any of the Officers of the ſaid City, to attend the Mayor of the ſaid City for the Time being, at ſuch reaſonable Time and Times, and at ſuch Place or Places within the ſaid City, as the ſaid Mayor ſhall think fit and appoint, for and about any of the Affairs and Buſineſs of the ſaid City, ſhall not give his Attendance on the Mayor at the Time and Place by the ſaid Mayor ſo appointed, having no reaſonable Lett or Excuſe, ſhall forfeit and loſe, to the Uſe of the Mayor and Citizens of the ſaid City, for every ſuch Default or Neglect, the Sum of Two Shillings, to be levied by Diſtreſs, or by Action of Debt, to be brought in the Name of the *Chamberlain or Chamberlains of the ſaid City for the Time being, or by any other lawful Ways or Means.

*Quere, whether not in the Name of the Mayor and Citizens.

XII. Alſo, it is hereby ordered, according to ſeveral antient Orders to the ſame Purpoſe heretofore made, that the Aldermen of the ſaid City ſhall ſeverally and reſpectively have and take upon them the Survey, Care, and Overſight of the ſeveral and reſpective Boroughs of the ſaid City: And that the Conſtables, Boſholders, and Beadle of the ſaid City, ſhall, from Time to Time, between the uſual publick Meeting-Days of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common-Council of the ſaid City, ſome convenient Time before every ſuch Meeting-Day, give Information and Notice to each reſpective Alderman of the reſpective Borough for which they ſhall be appointed reſpectively, of all publick Annoyances, Diſorders, and Offences, of all diſorderly and idle Perſons, Inmates, and Incomers into the ſaid reſpective Boroughs, and other Matters and Things happening, and ariſing within the ſaid reſpective Boroughs, which may any Ways tend to the Diſturbance, Incommodity, and Annoyance of the ſaid City, or the good Order, Rule, or Government thereof; To the Intent that each reſpective Alderman may the next publick Meeting-Day of the ſaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Common-Council, at the Guildhall of the ſaid City, inform the ſaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Common-Council thereof, to the End that the ſpeedy and effectual Courſe may be taken for the redreſſing ſuch other like Diſorders, Annoyances, and Inconveniencies within the ſaid City: And it is hereby ordered, that for this Year of the Mayoralty of *Chriſtopher Wade*, Eſq; preſent Mayor of the ſaid City, and until a further and other Appointment be made, the ſeveral and reſpective Aldermen hereafter named, ſhall have and take upon them the Survey, Care, and Overſight of the reſpective Boroughs following (that is to ſay) Sir *Richard Head*, Baronet, and Mr. *John Conny*, for *Eaſt* and *Eaſt-gate* Boroughs, Mr. *Nicholas Booth* for St. *Clement*'s Borough, Mr. *John Hogg, jun.* for *South-Borough*, Mr. *John Hogg, ſen.* of *Middle-Borough* and *Bully Hill*, Mr. *John Cobham* of *New-Borough*, Mr. *John Bryan* of *Southgate-Borough*, and Mr. *James Almond* of *Northgate-Borough*; and that every ſucceeding Mayor of the ſaid City ſhall, within thirty Days after he ſhall be ſworn Mayor of the ſaid City, appoint to each of the ſaid Boroughs reſpectively, one or more of the Aldermen of the ſaid City to have and take upon them the Survey, Care, and Overſight of each of the ſaid Boroughs reſpectively, and to take ſuch Information as aforeſaid, upon Pain that every ſucceeding Mayor of the ſaid City, that ſhall refuſe or neglect to make ſuch Appointment, by the Space of thirty Days after he ſhall be ſworn Mayor, ſhall forfeit and loſe, to the Uſe of the Mayor and Citizens of the ſaid City, the Sum of Ten Shillings, and for every Week after, until he ſhall make ſuch Appointment as aforeſaid, the Sum of Five Shillings, and upon Pain that every Conſtable, Boſholder, or Beadle, that ſhall neglect or refuſe to give ſuch Information and Notice as aforeſaid, to the reſpective Aldermen appointed for the reſpective Boroughs, of all or any the Matters or Things aforeſaid, coming to his or their Knowledge, or whereof they ought to enquire, by virtue of their reſpective Office and Place within the ſaid Boroughs reſpectively, ſhall forfeit and loſe, to the Uſe of the Mayor and Citizens of the ſaid City, for every ſuch Default or Neglect, the Sum of Two Shillings and Six-pence; and upon Pain that every Alderman hereby appointed, or which ſhall hereafter be appointed as aforeſaid, that ſhall neglect or refuſe to take upon him the Survey, Care, and Overſight of ſuch Borough, for

which he ſhall be ſo appointed as aforeſaid, or having Notices or Information given him of any the Matters and Things aforeſaid, ariſing within ſuch his Borough, ſhall refuſe or neglect to give due Information and Notices thereof as aforeſaid, at ſuch Meeting-Day or Days, as aforeſaid, at the Guildhall of the ſaid City, to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common-Council of the ſaid City, or ſhall be otherwiſe negligent, or make Default in the Premiſſes, on his Part to be done and performed, ſhall for every Neglect, Default, or Refuſal, forfeit and loſe, to the Uſe of the Mayor and Citizens of the ſaid City, the Sum of Five Shillings: The ſeveral Penalties aforeſaid to be levied and recovered by Diſtreſs, or by Action of Debt, to be brought in the Name of the * Chamberlain or Chamberlains of the ſaid City for the Time being, or by any other lawful Ways or Means.

*Mayor and Citizens.

XIII. Alſo, it is hereby further ordered, (according to an antient Order in that Behalf) that if any Perſon or Perſons, Freemen, or other, dwelling or being within the ſaid City, and the Liberties and Precincts thereof, ſhall, at any Time or Times, reproach, revile, or abuſe, in Language or otherwiſe, the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, Town-Clerk, Coroner, or any of the Aſſiſtants, commonly called Common-Council-Men, of the ſaid City, or any Conſtable, Boſholder, Serjeants of the Mace, or other Officers of the ſaid City, in the Doing or Execution of the ſaid Office or Offices, or being met and aſſembled at any Court or Meeting, about any of the publick Affairs of the ſaid City, the Perſon or Perſons ſo offending, ſhall forfeit and loſe, to the Uſe of the Mayor and Citizens of the ſaid City, the Sum of Six Shillings and Eight Pence, to be levied by Diſtreſs of his or their Goods reſpectively, or by Action of Debt, in the Name of the * Chamberlain, or Chamberlains of the ſaid City for the Time being, or by any other lawful Ways or Means.

*Quere, whether not in the Name of the Mayor and Citizens.

XIV. Alſo, it is hereby further ordered, that every Mayor of the ſaid City, for the Time being, ſhall, once at leaſt in every Month, yearly, or oftener, if if there be Cauſe, duly ſet and appoint the Aſſize of Bread to be obſerved by Bakers, Victuallers, and all others within the City and Precincts thereof, upon Pain that every Mayor that ſhall be negligent, or make Default therein, ſhall forfeit and loſe for every ſuch Neglect and Default, to the Uſe of the Mayor and Citizens of the ſaid City, the Sum of Ten Shillings, to be recovered and levied by Way of Diſtreſs, or by Action of Debt, to be brought in the Name of the * Chamberlain or Chamberlains of the ſaid City for the Time being, or by any other lawful Ways or Means.

*Or rather in the Name of the Mayor and Citizens.

XV. Alſo, whereas the ſeveral Duties and Payments hereafter mentioned and ſet down, have been Time out of Mind payable, and are of Right due and belonging to the Mayor and Citizens of the ſaid City; And whereas, through the Neglect and Default of the Officers, and others of the ſaid City, to whom the Collection thereof did and doth belong, or which have been thereunto appointed, many of the ſaid Duties and Payments belonging to the ſaid City, doth or ſhall belong, have not of late been duly collected and paid as they ought to have been, or at leaſt have not been duly anſwered and accounted for to the Mayor and Citizens of the ſaid City, by thoſe who have collected the ſame, and in proceſs of Time may be in Danger to be totally loſt to the ſaid Mayor and Citizens: It is therefore hereby ordered, that every Officer of the ſaid City, or other Perſon or Perſons, to whom the Collection of the ſaid Duties, or Payment, or any of them, or any other Duties, or Payments belonging to the ſaid City, doth or ſhall belong, or that ſhall be lawfully deputed, or appointed thereunto, ſhall duly collect and receive, or do his utmoſt Endeavour to collect and receive the ſame; and ſhall give due and timely Notices from Time to Time, and at all Times, of all and every Obſtruction, Lett, or Impediment, that ſhall happen or ariſe in the collecting or receiving thereof, and of all and every Perſon, or Perſons, that ſhall defraud, or endeavour to defraud the ſaid Mayor and Citizens of their ſaid Duties and Payments, or any of them, or ſhall obſtinately refuſe to pay the ſame: To the Intent that due and effectual Courſe may be taken for the Recovery thereof;

and that every, or any Officer of the ſaid City, to whom the Collection of the ſaid Duties, or Payments, or any of them, do belong, or that ſhall be lawfully deputed, or appointed, to the Collection thereof, ſhall from Time to Time, upon every uſual or publick Meeting-Day of the ſaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Aſſiſtants, commonly called Common-Council-Men, of the ſaid City, or oftener, if they ſhall be thereunto required by the Mayor of the ſaid City for the Time being, duly account for, and pay, to the Uſe of the Mayor and Citizens of the ſaid City, ſuch and ſo much of the ſaid Duties and Payments as they ſhall have collected or received, upon Pain that every ſuch Officer, or other Perſon aforeſaid, that ſhall make Default, or be negligent, in any of the ſaid Premiſſes, ſhall for every ſuch his Neglect, or Default, forfeit and pay, to the Uſe of the Mayor and Citizens of the ſaid City, the Sum of Twenty Shillings, and upon Pain that every Perſon and Perſons, to whom the Collection of the ſaid Duties, or any of them, ſhall not belong, or who not being thereunto lawfully deputed, authorized, or appointed, ſhall take upon him to collect or receive the ſaid Duties, or Payments, or any of them, ſhall forfeit and loſe, to the Mayor and Citizens of the ſaid City, the Sum of Five Pounds: The ſaid ſeveral Penalties and Forfeitures aforeſaid, to be levied and recovered by Diſtreſs, or by Action of Debt, in the Name of the *Chamberlain or Chamberlains of the ſaid City, for the Time being, or by any other lawful Ways or Means.

*Quere, whether all Actions ſhould not be brought in the Names of the Mayor and Citizens.

XVI. Alſo, it is hereby further ordered, that no Perſon or Perſons, bringing any Victual, or other Wares or Merchandizes, to be ſold, by Water, in any Ship, Boat, or Veſſel, within the Liberties of the ſaid City, that is to ſay, within the Limits of *Sheernaſſe* and *Hawkewood*, ſhall ſell, or put to Sale by Retail, or otherwiſe, any ſuch Victual, Wares, or Merchandizes, at any Place or Places upon the ſaid River, within the Limits aforeſaid, otherwiſe than at the Town-Key of the ſaid City, until the Duty, or Duties, due and payable to the Mayor and Citizens of the ſaid City, ſhall be paid and ſatisfied for ſuch Victual, Wares, and Merchandizes, upon Pain that every Perſon and Perſons, who, after due Warning given unto him or them in that Behalf, ſhall offend therein, ſhall forfeit and pay to the Uſe of the ſaid Mayor and Citizens the Value of the Goods ſo ſold, or put to Sale, to be levied by Diſtreſs of the ſame, or any other Goods of the Perſon offending, or by Action of Debt, to be brought in the Name of the Chamberlain or Chamberlains of the ſaid City, for the Time being, or by any other lawful Ways or Means.

XVII. Alſo, it is hereby further ordered, that once, at the leaſt, in every Year, at ſome Day or Days to be appointed by the Mayor of the ſaid City for the Time being, and publick Notice thereof given by the Space of ten Days before Accompts ſhall be made and given to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Aſſiſtants, commonly called Common-Council Men, of the ſaid City, publickly and openly in the *Guildhall* of the ſaid City, of all the Rents and Profits of Lands, and Monies, and Stock, and other Goods and Things whatſoever, given, bequeathed, limited, or appointed to be employed, or any way belonging to the charitable or publick Uſe or Uſes within the ſaid City, by all and every Perſon and Perſons that have received, or ſhall receive any ſuch Rents or Profits, or in whoſe Hands or Cuſtody any ſuch Monies, Goods, Stock or Things aforeſaid, are, or ſhall be, or remain, to the Intent that there may be no Concealment, Embezzlement, or Miſemployment thereof; and that if any ſhall appear, effectual Courſe may be taken for the redreſſing thereof, and for the preventing the like for the Time to come; upon Pain that every Mayor of the ſaid City, that ſhall fail or neglect to appoint ſome convenient Day or Days for the taking the ſaid Accompts, or to cauſe ſuch publick Notice thereof to be given, as aforeſaid, ſhall forfeit and loſe, to the Uſe of the Mayor and Citizens of the ſaid City, the Sum of Five Pounds; and that the ſaid Mayor, and every one of the ſaid Aldermen and Aſſiſtants of the ſaid City, who having no reaſonable Excuſe, Lett or Hindrance, ſhall not appear and give his due Attendance

tendance upon the Day or Days, ſo as aforeſaid to be appointed, for the Purpoſe aforeſaid, at the Place aforeſaid, ſhall forfeit and loſe, to the Uſe of the Mayor and Citizens of the ſaid City, the Sum of Ten Shillings; and alſo, upon Pain that every Perſon and Perſons that hath, or ſhall have received any ſuch Rents and Profits of any Lands given, limited, or appointed to any ſuch charitable or publick Uſe, or who hath, or ſhall have, in his or their Hands or Cuſtody, any ſuch Monies, Goods, Stock, or other Things, having Notice of the Time and Place appointed for that Purpoſe, and having no lawful Lett or Hindrance, ſhall not appear at the ſaid Time and Place, or ſhall neglect or refuſe then and there to give ſuch an Accompt, as aforeſaid, or ſhall be found, upon ſuch his Accompts, to have concealed, embezzled, or miſemployed any Rents or Profits of any Lands, Monies, Stock, or other Goods or Things given, bequeathed, limited, or appointed to be employed, or any way belonging to any ſuch publick or charitable Uſe or Uſes within the ſaid City, ſhall, if he be a Freeman, be utterly diſfranchiſed, and loſe the Benefit of the Freedom of the ſaid City, and alſo forfeit and loſe, to the Uſe of the Mayor and Citizens of the ſaid City, double the Value of the Monies, Stocks, or other Things by him or them ſo concealed, embezzled, or miſemployed, as aforeſaid: The ſeveral Penalties aforeſaid to be levied by Diſtreſs of his or their Goods, or by Action of Debt, in the Name of the Chamberlain or Chamberlains of the ſaid City, for the Time being, or by any other lawful Ways or Means.

XVIII. Alſo, it is hereby further ordered, that all Leaſes, Grants, Deeds, Conveyances, and other Inſtruments, which ſhall be made and granted by the Mayor and Citizens of the ſaid City, or put under the common Seal of the Mayor and Citizens of the ſaid City, ſhall be publickly and openly ſealed in the *Guildhall*, or common Hall of the ſaid City, and not elſewhere, in Preſence of ſix or more of the Aldermen of the ſaid City; and that all ſuch Leaſes, Grants, Deeds, and Conveyances, ſhall, within one Month after the ſame are ſealed, be entered at large, and regiſtered by the Town-clerk of the ſaid City, or his Deputy, in a Book provided and kept for that Purpoſe, amongſt other the Records and Books belonging to the ſaid City; and that the Counterparts of all ſuch Leaſes and Conveyances ſo to be made, as aforeſaid, and alſo the great Book called the Cuſtomall, and all the Charters, Evidences, Writings, and Records belonging to the ſaid City, other than ſuch Books and Records as are, or ſhall be delivered into the Hands or Cuſtody of the Recorder or Town-clerk of the ſaid City, to be by them uſed for and about the Occaſions of the ſaid City, ſhall be preſerved and kept in the great Cheſt now ſtanding in the *Guildhall* of the ſaid City; and that the ſame, or any of them, ſhall not be at any time hereafter removed or taken thence, but with the Conſent, and in the Preſence of the Mayor, and ſix, at leaſt, of the Aldermen of the ſaid City; and that ſuch Perſon or Perſons through whoſe Means the ſame, or any of them, ſhall be taken out of the Cheſt aforeſaid, (otherwiſe than as aforeſaid) or ſhall be any ways embezzled, loſt, torn out, abuſed or defaced, ſhall forfeit and pay, for every ſuch Offence, to the Uſe of the Mayor and Citizens of the ſaid City, the Sum of Twenty Pounds, to be levied by Diſtreſs of his or their Goods, or by Action of Debt, to be brought in the Name of the Chamberlain or Chamberlains of the ſaid City, for the Time being, or by any other lawful Ways or Means.

XIX. Alſo, it it hereby further ordered and agreed upon, that from henceforth no Perſon or Perſons, except the eldeſt Sons of Freemen, and Apprentices that have ſerved ſome Freeman of the ſaid City, by the Space of Seven Years, Clergymen and Gentlemen, ſhall be admitted to the Freedom of the ſaid City for any leſs Fine or Sum of Money, to be paid to the Uſe of the ſaid Mayor and Citizens, than Ten Pounds; and that no Perſon or Perſons whatſoever ſhall be admitted to the Freedom of the ſaid City, without the Conſent of the Mayor

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of the ſaid City, and the major Part of the Aldermen and Aſſiſtants of the ſaid City, commonly called Common-Council-Men of the ſame then preſent; and that ſuch Admiſſion and adminiſtering the Oath of a Freeman of the ſaid City, to the Perſon and Perſons, ſo from time to time to be admitted, ſhall be always done and performed in the *Guildhall* of the ſaid City, and not elſewhere, and upon ſome publick or uſual Meeting Day of the ſaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Aſſiſtants of the ſaid City, who ſhall be then by themſelves met in the *Guildhall* of the ſaid City; and that the Name of ſuch Freeman, from time to time to be admitted and ſworn, ſhall be entered in a Book provided and kept for that Purpoſe, and ſubſcribed by the ſaid Mayor, and major Part of the Aldermen and Aſſiſtants of the ſaid City, for the Time being; and that every Admiſſion of any Perſon to the Freedom of the ſaid City, in any other Manner, ſhall be utterly void.

XX. Alſo, whereas by antient Cuſtoms, Franchiſes, and Uſages of the ſaid City, Time out of Mind uſed, no Perſon, not being free of the ſaid City, may, or ought to ſell, or put to Sale, any Wares or Merchandizes by Retail, or uſe any common or publick Art, Myſtery or Occupation within the ſaid City, Liberties, and Precincts thereof, for Hire, Gain, or Sale, or keep any open or inward Shop, Place, or Room for Shew and Sale, and putting to Sale any Wares or Merchandizes by Retail, or the Uſe of any Art, Myſtery, Occupation, or Handicraft Trade within the ſame; and whereas many Strangers, and others, who bear no Part of the publick Charge and Duties of the ſaid City, being no Freeman thereof, do very often ſome of them publickly and openly, and others in a private and clandeſtine Manner, bring into the ſaid City and Liberties thereof, divers Wares, Merchandizes and Goods, and there ſell and retail the ſame: and alſo, others being Taylors, Shoemakers, Barbers, Joyners, Carpenters, Maſons, Hackney-men, Coachmen, and others uſing Handicraft Trades and manual Occupations, and being no Freemen of the ſaid City, do uſe and exerciſe their reſpective Trades and Occupations within the ſaid City and Liberties thereof, to the great and apparent Injury and Damage of the Freemen of the ſaid City, who bear all manner of Scotts, Aſſeſſments, Duties, and other common Charges of the ſaid City, and contrary to the Cuſtoms, Orders, and Uſages of the ſaid City: For Remedy whereof, it is hereby ordered, that no Perſon being a Foreigner, and not being a Freeman of the ſaid City, and duly admitted to the Freedom thereof, according to the Uſe and Cuſtom of the ſaid City, ſhall, at any time hereafter, uſe or exerciſe the Trade of a Taylor, Shoemaker, Barber, Joyner, Carpenter, Maſon, Glover, or any of them, or the Occupation of a Hackney-man, or letting Horſes or Coaches to Hire, or any manner of other Trade, Myſtery, or Occupation, for Hire, Gain, or Sale, within the ſaid City, or Liberties thereof, to ſell, or utter by Retail, any manner of Goods, Wares, or Merchandizes therein, for Hire, Gain, or Sale, (except at Fairs, and except Victual, and ſuch like Proviſions as have been, or may be lawfully done and uſed to be done upon Market Days) upon Pain of forfeiting to the Uſe of the Mayor and Citizens of the ſaid City, for every Time that he or they ſhall uſe or exerciſe any Trade, Myſtery, or Occupation within the ſaid City, or Precincts thereof, or ſhall ſell or utter any Wares, Goods, or Merchandizes by Retail, within the ſaid City, or Precincts thereof, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning before expreſſed, the Sum of Ten Shillings of lawful Money, to be recovered againſt the ſaid Perſon or Perſons reſpectively, by Action of Debt, to be brought againſt him, her, or them, in the Name of the Chamberlain or Chamberlains of the ſaid City, for the Time being, reſpectively, or by Diſtreſs of his or their Goods reſpectively, or by any other lawful Ways or Means, to the Uſe of the Mayor and Citizens of the ſaid City: And it is hereby further ordered and eſtabliſhed, that no Perſon whatſoever, being a Foreigner, and not being a Freeman of the ſaid City, ſhall, at any time after the Nine and twentieth Day of this Inſtant Month of *September* above written,

by any Colour, Way, or Means whatſoever, directly or indirectly, by himſelf or any other, keep any Shop, or other Place whatſoever, or outward for Shew, and putting to Sale of any Wares or Merchandizes whatſoever, by way of Retail, within the ſaid City, or the Liberties and Precincts thereof, upon Pain of forfeiting to the Uſe of the Mayor and Citizens of the ſaid City, the Sum of Twenty Shillings of lawful Money of *England*, for every Week wherein ſuch Perſon ſhall keep any ſuch Shop, or other Place, for Shew or Sale of any Wares or Merchandizes by the way of Retail, to be levied and recovered by Action of Debt, to be brought and proſecuted in the Name of the Chamberlain or Chamberlains of the ſaid City for the Time being, or by Diſtreſs of his or their Goods reſpectively, or by any other lawful Ways or Means, to the Uſe of the Mayor and Citizens of the ſaid City.

XXI. And it is hereby further ordered, that no Freeman of the ſaid City ſhall keep or employ in his Houſe or Shop any Perſon or Perſons, being a Foreigner, and no Freeman of the ſaid City, to uſe or exerciſe any other Art, Trade, or Myſtery in the Houſe or Shop of ſuch Freeman, or elſewhere, under him, as his Servant, other than ſuch Art, Trade, Myſtery, or Occupation as the ſaid Freeman himſelf doth ordinarily uſe and exerciſe as his own Art, Trade, Myſtery, or Occupation, upon Pain that every ſuch Freeman ſhall forfeit, for every Week that he ſhall employ and keep ſuch Foreigner in manner aforeſaid, the Sum of Ten Shillings, to be levied by Diſtreſs of his or their Goods, or by Action of Debt, to be brought in the Name of the Chamberlain or Chamberlains of the ſaid City, for the Time being, or by any other lawful Ways or Means.

XXII. Alſo it is hereby further ordered (according to the antient Cuſtom and former Orders in that Behalf) that no Fiſherman, or other Perſon whatſoever, (except Freemen of this City) ſhall, at any time hereafter, fiſh, take, or kill any Kind of Fiſh in the Waters of *Medway*, between the Limits of *Hawkewood* and *Sheerneſs*, with any manner of Net, Engine, or other Device whatſoever, (except angling) unleſs he be thereunto admitted and allowed by the Mayor of the ſaid City, and the more Part of his Brethren, the Aldermen of the ſame for the Time being, by the entering of his and their Names into a Book for that Purpoſe kept, and to be kept; and that every Perſon ſo admitted, ſhall, upon every Court of Conſervancy, or other Court uſually held, commonly called the Admiralty Court for the ſaid River, within Limits aforeſaid, ſhall make his perſonal Appearance at the ſaid Court, then and there to do his Suit and Service, as has been uſed and accuſtomed, upon Pain that every ſuch Perſon and Perſonst hat ſhall at any time or times fiſh, kill, or take any Fiſh within the Limits, Liberties, or Precincts of the ſaid City, namely, within the Bounds of *Hawkewood* and *Sheerneſs*, not being admitted, allowed, and entered, as aforeſaid, ſhall for every ſuch Offence, forfeit and pay, to the Uſe of the Mayor and Citizens of the ſaid City, the Sum of Six Shillings and Eight Pence, to be levied by Diſtreſs of the Goods of the Party or Parties ſo offending, or by Action of Debt, to be brought in the Name of the Chamberlain or Chamberlains of the ſaid City, for the Time being, or by any other lawful Ways or Means; and upon Pain that every Perſon ſo admitted, as aforeſaid, that ſhall make Default of Appearance at any of the ſaid Courts, having reaſonable Warning, and having no reaſonable Lett or Impediment, ſhall forfeit and pay Two Shillings, to the Uſe of the Mayor and Citizens of the ſaid City, to be levied by Diſtreſs of his or their Goods, or by Action of Debt, to be brought in the Name of the Chamberlain or Chamberlains of the ſaid City, for the Time being, or by any other lawful Ways or Means.

XXIII. Alſo, it is hereby further ordered, that no Perſon or Perſons, of what Occupation, Craft, Myſtery, or Science ſoever, within the ſaid City, Liberties, or Precincts thereof, ſhall from henceforth take any Apprentice, under, or for leſs Time, than the Term of ſeven Years, upon forfeiting

to the Uſe of the Mayor and Citizens of the City of *Rocheſter*, the Sum of Five Pounds, and every ſuch Perſon or Maſter, who ſhall take any Apprentice, ſhall within the Space of one Year after the taking of any ſuch Apprentice, bring into the Court-hall of the ſaid City, before the Mayor of the ſaid City, the Indentures whereby he hath taken and bound the ſaid Apprentice, or one Part thereof, and procure the ſame to be inrolled in a Book therefore provided and kept, within a Year after the Date of the ſaid Indentures, paying for the Inrollment thereof Two Shillings and Six Pence to the Town-clerk of the ſaid City, upon Pain to forfeit, for every ſuch Neglect or Default, to the Uſe of the Mayor and Citizens of the ſaid City, the Sum of Five Pounds: The ſaid ſeveral Penalties to be levied by Diſtreſs of his or their Goods, or by Action of Debt, in the Name of the Chamberlain or Chamberlains of the ſaid City, for the Time being, or by any other lawful Ways or Means.

XXIV. Alſo, it is hereby further ordered, that no manner of Perſon of the Occupation of a Shoemaker, Barber, Taylor, or other Artificer, or Handicraft Man, by himſelf, or his Servant, or Servants, do uſe or exerciſe their Trade on any Lord's Day, commonly called *Sunday*, in his Houſe, Shop, or Chamber, upon Pain of forfeiting for every ſuch Offence Five Shillings; and that no ſuch Artificer, or any Butcher, Barber, or other Tradeſman, ſhall upon any *Sunday* open his or their Shop or Shop-windows, ſave only ſo much as is neceſſary for the Entrance into his or their Dwelling-houſe or Houſes; and that no Butcher, or other Tradeſman, except Apothecaries and others, in caſe of Sickneſs or other urgent Neceſſity, ſuch Neceſſity to be approved and allowed of by the Mayor for the Time being, and in his Abſence, by his Deputy, under his Hand, ſhall ſell or ſhew, or expoſe to Sale, upon any Lord's Day called *Sunday*, any Fleſh, Victuals, Bread, Wares, or Merchandize, whatſoever, upon Pain of forfeiting Five Shillings; and that no Inn-keeper, Vintner, Alehouſe-keeper, or Victualler, ſhall ſuffer any of his or their Doors or Gates to ſtand open, upon any *Sunday* during the Time of Divine Service or Sermon; nor ſhall, during that Time, ſerve, ſell, or utter to any Gueſt, Gueſts, or Company, any Wine, Beer, Ale, or other Liquors, or ſuffer any Gueſts or Company to drink or tipple in any of their Houſes; and ſhall not ſuffer any Houſekeeper, Sojourner, Servants, or other Inhabitants of the ſaid City, to drink or tipple in any of their Houſes upon any *Sunday*, during any Time of the Day, upon Pain of forfeiting, for every ſuch Offence, the Sum of Five Shillings; and that every Houſekeeper, Sojourner, Servant, or other Inhabitant within the ſaid City, that ſhall be tippling or drinking in any Tavern or Alehouſe within the ſaid City, upon any *Sunday*, ſhall forfeit the Sum of Twelve Pence: The ſeveral Penalties and Forfeits to be levied by the Overſeers of the Pariſh where the Offence ſhall be committed, by Diſtreſs of the Goods of the Party ſo offending, or by Action of Debt, in the Name of the Chamberlain or Chamberlains of the ſaid City for the Time being, to be employed to the Uſe of the Poor of the Pariſh where the Offence ſhall be committed.

XXV. Alſo it is thought fit, and hereby ordered, that all and every the Inhabitants, as well within the High-ſtreet of the ſaid City, as in Lanes and Paſſages thereof, ſhall every Week weekly, upon every *Saturday* in the Afternoon, and upon every ſuch other Time as they ſhall be thereunto required by the Mayor of the ſaid City for the Time being, or his Deputy, or by his Order, cauſe the ſeveral Pavements before their reſpective Dwelling-Houſes, and the Kennels thereunto adjoining reſpectively, to be ſwept clean, and the Dirt and Sulledge ariſing thereby, to be carried away at ſome time before Twelve of the Clock in the Night of the ſame *Saturday*, upon Pain that every Perſon who ſhall make Default therein, ſhall forfeit and pay, to the Uſe of the Mayor and Citizens of the ſaid City, to be applied to the Relief of the poor Inhabitants of the Pariſh where the Offence ſhall be committed, Twelve-pence for every ſuch Default, to be levied by Diſtreſs of the Goods of the Party or Parties ſo making Default, or by Action of Debt, in the Name of the Chamberlain or Chamber-

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lains of the ſaid City for the Time being, or by any other lawful Ways or Means.

XXVI. Alſo it is hereby further ordered, that all and every Houſholder and Inhabitant, dwelling within the High-ſtreet of the ſaid City, between the great Bridge and a Meſſuage called *Red-Lyon* in *Eaſtgate-ſtreet*, for the Time being, who ſhall not in every dark Night, between the Feaſt-days of *All-Saints*, and the Purification of the bleſſed Virgin *Mary*, in every Year, yearly, ſet forth, or cauſe or procure to be ſet forth, a Candle, to be placed or hanged out before the Street-Door or low Window of their reſpective Dwelling-Houſes, to be there continued and kept light from Six of the Clock each Evening, till Eight of the Clock in the ſame Night, to the Benefit and Convenience of their Majeſties liege People, paſſing in and through the ſaid Streets, ſhall forfeit and pay, to the Uſe of the Mayor and Citizens of the ſaid City, to be applied to the Relief of the poor Inhabitants of the Pariſh of St. *Nicholas* within the ſaid City, Four-pence for every Night, when he, ſhe, or they, ſhall reſpectively make Default, to be levied by Diſtreſs, or by Action of Debt, in the Name of the Chamberlain or Chamberlains of the ſaid City for the Time being; provided always, that this Order and Conſtitution, or any Thing herein contained, ſhall not extend to Shop-keepers and Tradeſmen within the High-ſtreet of the ſaid City, who ſhall keep their Shop-Windows open, and one or more Lights therein, between the ſaid Hours of Six and Eight of the Clock at Night, or longer, and during ſuch Nights only as they ſhall keep their Shops open, and Lights therein, in manner as aforeſaid, and no longer.

XXVII. Alſo it is hereby ordered, that no Perſon or Perſons, by himſelf or Servants, ſhall drive through the City, or any Part thereof, to or from the Water, or upon any other Occaſion, or to or from any other Place or Places within the ſaid City, any Horſe or Horſes unled, laden, or unladen, or any Teames of Horſes, unled, upon Pain of forfeiting for every Horſe ſo driven as aforeſaid unled, the Sum of Six-pence, to be levied by Diſtreſs, or by Action of Debt, in the Name of the Chamberlain or Chamberlains of the ſaid City for the Time being, or by any other lawful Ways or Means, to and for the Uſe of the Mayor and Citizens of the ſaid City for the Time being.

XXVIII. Alſo it is hereby further ordered, that no Butcher, or other Perſon within this City, or the Liberties and Precincts thereof, ſhall at any Time henceforth lay upon or caſt into the High-ſtreet or Streets, or open Lanes of the ſaid City, or common Key thereof, or into the River of *Medway*, any Heads, Horns, Offals, Filth, or Blood, of any Oxen, or other Cattle, or any Dung, Filth, or Sulledge, upon Pain of forfeiting, for every ſuch Offence, the Sum of Three Shillings and Four-pence, to the Uſe of the Mayor and Citizens of the ſaid City, to be levied by Diſtreſs, or Action of Debt, in the Name of the Chamberlain or Chamberlains of the ſaid City for the Time being, or by any other lawful Ways or Means.

XXIX. Alſo it is hereby further ordered, that no Perſon or Perſons, inhabiting within this City, or the Liberties and Precincts thereof, ſhall keep any Hogs within the ſaid City, but in his or their Houſe, Backſide, Cloſe, or Garden, incloſed, and ſhall not ſuffer any, his, or their Hogs, to go at large in the Street by Day or Night, upon Pain of forfeiting for every Hog or Pig ſuffered to go abroad, the Sum of Four-pence, to the Uſe of the Mayor and Citizens of this City, to be levied by Diſtreſs, or by Action of Debt, to be brought in the Name of the Chamberlain or Chamberlains of the ſaid City for the Time being, or by any other lawful Ways or Means.

XXX. And whereas divers Perſons, uſing the Trade of Fiſhing upon the River of *Medway* aforeſaid, do very much ſpoil and deſtroy the Fiſhing there, by taking the ſmall Fry and Brood there, and the better to ſell and utter the ſame, and make Profits thereby, do privily carry them about the Streets of the ſaid City from Door too Door; for Remedy whereof, and for the better Preſervation

ſervation of the Fiſhing aforeſaid, It is hereby ordered, that all Perſons who ſhall at any Time hereafter, bring any kind of Fiſh to be ſold within the ſaid City of *Rocheſter*, as well on Market-Days as other Days, ſhall bring the ſame to the Market-Place within the ſaid City, and there continue with their ſaid Fiſh by the Space of Two Hours at the leaſt, or until the ſame be ſold ; and that the Keeper of the Priſon of the ſaid City, ſhall from time to time view and examine all ſuch Fiſh as ſhall be ſo brought to the ſaid Market-Place, and if the ſame be ſizeable, give Notice of ſuch being there, by ringing the Bell, without requiring any Thing for the ſame. And it is hereby further ordered, that all other Perſons, not being Freemen of the ſaid City, bringing any Butter, Cheeſe, Eggs, Poultry, Victual, Fruit, or other Proviſions, to Market, within the ſaid City to be ſold there, ſhall bring the ſaid Proviſions to ſome certain Place or Stall, in the Market in the High-ſtreets of the ſaid City, and ſhall not, at any Time, carry the ſame to be ſold on Horſeback, or otherwiſe, about the Streets of the ſaid City ; and that all ſuch Perſons, and alſo all Butchers not being Freemen of the ſaid City, bringing any kind of Fleſh to the Market within the ſaid City, ſhall depart from the ſaid Market at or before the Hour of Seven in the Evening between the Feaſt-Days of St. *Michael* the Archangel, and the Annunciation of the bleſſed Virgin *Mary*, and at or before the Hour of Eight in the Evening between the Feaſt of the Virgin *Mary* ; and St. *Michael* the Archangel ; and that at the ſaid Hours the Market-Bell ſhall be rung by the Keeper of the Priſon aforeſaid, to give Notice to all Perſons to avoid and depart from the ſaid Market ; and that all and every Perſon and Perſons reſpectively offending, contrary to this Order, ſhall, for every Offence, forfeit and pay, to the Uſe of the Mayor and Citizens of the ſaid City, the Sum of Two Shillings, to be levied by Diſtreſs, or by Action of Debt, to be brought in the Name of the Chamberlain or Chamberlains of the ſaid City for the Time being, or by any other lawful Ways or Means.

XXXI. Alſo, it is hereby further ordered (as by former Orders which are hereby confirmed) that all and every Perſon and Perſons that hereafter ſhall execute the Office of Mayor of the ſaid City, or in caſe of his Death, his Executors or Adminiſtrators, ſhall, within two Months next after the Expiration of the Year for which he ſhall be choſen Mayor, or other ſooner Determination or Expiration of his Office, make, and deliver unto the ſucceeding Mayor, Aldermen, and Aſſiſtants, commonly called the Common-Council, of the ſaid City, in Common-Council aſſembled in the *Guildhall* of the ſaid City, a true, juſt, and perfect Accompt in Writing, of all ſuch Sum and Sums of Money, as he, or his Officers during the Time of his Mayoralty, have received to the Uſe of the ſaid City, and of all ſuch Payments as have been by him or them made for the ſaid City, and ſhall pay and deliver over to the ſucceeding Mayor, to the Uſe of the Mayor and Citizens of the ſaid City, all ſuch Money as, upon the ſaid Accompt, ſhall be found to be in his or their Hands, within Ten Days next after his or their Accompts made and given as aforeſaid ; upon Pain that every Mayor, or his Executors, or Adminiſtrators, that ſhall fail, or neglect to make and deliver his or their Accompts as aforeſaid, within the Time aforeſaid, ſhall forfeit and pay, to the Uſe of the ſaid Mayor and Citizens, for every Week after ſuch Default or Failure, until he or they ſhall make and deliver his or their ſaid Accompt with the ſaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Aſſiſtants, the Sum of Twenty Shillings of lawful Money of *England*, to be levied and recovered by Diſtreſs of his or their Goods, or by Action of Debt, in the Name of the Chamberlain or Chamberlains of the ſaid City for the Time being, or by any other lawful Ways or Means ; And that every ſuch Mayor, or his Executors or Adminiſtrators, who ſhall not within ten Days after his or their Accompt made, ſtated, and allowed of as aforeſaid, pay and deliver over to the ſucceeding Mayor, to the Uſe of the ſaid Mayor and Citizens, all ſuch Monies as upon ſuch Accompt ſhall be found to be in his or their Hands, ſhall forfeit double

the Sum or Sums of Money, which ſhall be ſo found to be in his or their Hands as aforeſaid, to be recovered by Diſtreſs of his or their Goods reſpectively, or by Action of Debt, in the Name of the Chamberlain or Chamberlains of the ſaid City for the Time being, or by any other lawful Ways or Means.

XXXII. Alſo, whereas by antient Uſage and Cuſtoms within the ſaid City, no Perſon, or Perſons, ought to be admitted to the Freedom of the ſaid City, to uſe or exerciſe any Trade, Myſtery, or manual Occupation, or to keep any Inn or Alehouſe there, but ſuch only as have ſerved, or ſhall ſerve, as Apprentice for the Term of ſeven Years at the leaſt, to Freemen of the ſaid City, inhabiting within the ſame, and ſuch as have been, are, or ſhall be, the eldeſt Sons of Freemen inhabiting alſo within the ſame City, and ſuch Perſons as have or ſhall purchaſe the Freedom of the ſaid City, for the Sum of Ten Pounds, at the leaſt, and inhabit, and dwell there, and to take upon them the Execution of ſuch Offices within the ſaid City, as they ſhall or may be elected unto, and to bear and pay ſuch publick Aſſeſſments, Scotts, and Duties, as other Freemen and Inhabitants of the ſaid City do, or ought to do: And whereas many Perſons of Quality, as well of the Clergy as of the Laity, and others, have of late (more frequently than in former Times) been admitted to the Freedom of the ſaid City *gratis*, out of a Reſpect and Kindneſs to them from the Mayor and Aldermen of the ſaid City, of Purpoſe and out of Deſign only to qualify them to give their Voices for the electing of Citizens to ſerve for the ſaid City in Parliament; and others, not living in the High-ſtreet of the ſaid City, have been admitted to the Freedom thereof, upon their paying Forty Shillings, or Three Pounds, or ſome ſuch ſmall Sum of Money, and upon their giving Bond to pay, to the Uſe of the ſaid Mayor and Citizens, ſo much Money more as would make up the Sum ſo by them paid Ten Pounds, within Forty Days next after they ſhould uſe any Trade within the High-ſtreet of the ſaid City; and yet ſeveral of theſe Perſons, and their eldeſt Sons and Apprentices, (though not inhabiting within the ſaid City) have of late, by Colour thereof, challenged the Freedom of the ſaid City, and the Privileges of the Freemen thereof, inhabiting therein, as well for themſelves as their eldeſt Sons and Apprentices reſpectively, as fully and largely as if they had ſerved Apprentices for Seven Years, or had been the eldeſt Sons of ſome Freemen inhabiting within the ſaid City, or had purchaſed the ſame for Ten Pounds; which being contrary to the antient Uſages of the ſaid City, and againſt all Right and Juſtice, and tending to the Deſtruction of the antient Government of the ſaid City, and of the Privileges belonging to the Freemen of the ſame inhabiting there, and to the great Miſchief, Damage, and Prejudice of ſuch Freemen, as now do, or which hereafter ſhall, inhabit and dwell within the ſame City and the Liberties thereof, if ſuch Pretences ſhould be admitted: It is therefore, upon due and ſerious Conſideration had of the Premiſſes, declared, enacted, and ordained, that neither the eldeſt Son, nor Apprentice, of any Perſon or Perſons, who have, or hath been, or hereafter ſhall be, admitted to the Freedom of the ſaid City *gratis*, ſhall at any Time or Times hereafter be admitted, or ought to be admitted to the Freedom of the ſaid City *gratis*, as of Right belonging to him or them, in reſpect of the Freedom of their reſpective Fathers or Maſters. And it is further ordered and ordained, that neither the eldeſt Son, nor Apprentice, of any Perſon or Perſons, who hath been, or hereafter ſhall be, admitted to the Freedom of the ſaid City, upon his paying Forty Shillings, or Three Pounds, or any leſs Sum than Ten Pounds, ſhall at any Time hereafter be admitted to the Freedom thereof, until ſuch Time as he, his Father, or Maſter, or the Perſon or Perſons under whom, or in whoſe Right he claims the Freedom of the ſaid City, ſhall have paid ſo much Money more to the ſaid Mayor and Citizens of the ſaid City, as will make up the Money by them formerly paid, for, or towards their Freedom, Ten Pounds, any Uſage or Cuſtom to the contrary thereof, in any wiſe notwithſtanding. And that if any Mayor, or Deputy-Mayor, ſhall at any Time or Times hereafter, admit, or ſuffer to be admitted, any eldeſt Son, or Apprentice of any Perſon

Freedoms are not ſold for leſs than Twenty Pounds now.

Perſon or Perſons, contrary to the true Meaning of this Order, as of Right belonging to him or them, as aforeſaid, all and every ſuch Mayor, and Deputy-Mayor, ſhall forfeit and pay to the ſucceeding Mayor and Citizens of the ſaid City, for every ſuch Offence, the Sum of Ten Pounds of lawful Money of *England*, to be levied by Diſtreſs of the Goods and Chattles of the Perſon or Perſons ſo offending, or by Action of Debt, to be brought in the Name of the Chamberlain or Chamberlains of the ſaid City, or by any other lawful Ways or Means. And it is hereby further ordered, that every Action or Suit to be brought, or proſecuted, by any the Chamberlain or Chamberlains of the ſaid City for the Time being, or in his or their Name or Names, by or upon every or any of the Bye-Laws, Orders, and Conſtitutions aforeſaid, againſt any Perſon or Perſons, for any Breach or Offence done or committed contrary thereunto, ſuch Chamberlain or Chamberlains recovering in the ſaid Action or Suit, ſhall recover reaſonable Coſts of Suit, expended in and about the Proſecution thereof.

G.R. III.